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Catherine Bennett's advice...



The Centre for **Alternative Technology** comes of age

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At 6pm, she was unlocked from her room, ready for the men who stop off on their way home for tea to buy sex

Sold for sex. Aged

A pioneering project dealing with child sex abuse in Bradford has found that children as young as 12 are being kept prisoner. tortured and pushed on to the streets as prostitutes. The report - released on the same day that Save The Children warns of a worldwide increase in the child sex industry - details the first year at the Barnardos project for child prostitutes and the stories of 45 girls who came looking for help, most of them between 12 and 15 years old. Maggie O'Kane went to Bradford to hear their shocking accounts.

sured 12ft by 12ft, from the blue line of the corridor to the the roof. It had a bed, a wardrobe and a view that looked out over the golden tips of a mosque. Under her window, there was a car park and a car repair shop. Her work as a prostitute in Bradford did not begin

until 6pm when she was un-locked from her room by from children. Her story is the story of

hundreds, perhaps thou-sands of British children sister's social welfare book exposed by a pioneering

Barnardos project. When a new landlord took over the premises two months ago, he repainted her attic room to take away the lingering smell of urine and human waste. When she was locked up she used the sink to urinate in and a cardboard box in the corner for her toilet.

She was 15 when she was locked into the room, over 17 when she left it. During those two years she was taken out only at night to sell sex along by the de-serted mills of Thornton Road and Preston Steet. The landlord, or his brother or his friend, took turns to watch her until the early hours. Nights of sex with men

went on until she had £200 to give him; ten punters a night at £20 for full sex. £15 for oral sex and £15 for macturbation.

She would be returned to the room in the early hours after her pimp had taken all the money and then he would come at around 3am with fish and chips. Now and again it was chicken and chips. She ate nothing clse. When she finally escaped her weight had fallen

from 8 stone to 4%. She was sold to her first punter at 15. She remembers him, and the pain he caused. But, after that, it

Her pimp even brought ing to take care of her and the clothes he wanted her the baby was wrong.

ent dresses and little skirts. The routine in her attic room never varied. She slept for most of the morn-ing. Waking to watch the men moving towards the mosque at Ipm for prayers. She watched Neighbours, once her pimp brought her a big thick colouring book and crayons to help pass the time.

Now she is a shaky 18-year-old who drinks lime her pimp, ready for the pop, wears pink midrift men who leave their city of bare T-shirts, likes listenfices and stop off on their ing to those old ballads way home for tea to buy sex about love and has been raped four times. ... She escaped on November

on which she had written: Help me."

She heard later he had got a new girl who was 15. Now, she would like to see him six foot under but he is too big and his friends are too big and they would get to her if she told the police.

Her journey to the attic of one of those scruffy yellow Yorkshire stone houses began when she was drunk at a party and had sex with Dealer, a Pakistani drugs dealer. She met Dealer afterwards but he did not want to know. A month before she was due to give birth he said that he loved her and that she should go to his mother's house.

She gave birth to a daughter, now three, in the front room with his mother, sister, aunt and granny to help her. There was no midwife or doctor at the birth, which was never registered.

She remembers just the terrible pain and the sound of the men in the kitcher until she heard them turning the television up.
After the birth, the baby

was taken away. Everyone said it was the best thing because she was "too poorly". She spent 3% weeks in the house. Dealer's sister said she had registered the baby as

hers and her baby was going to Pakistan — all the stuff Dealer had told her about loving her and want-



Life for many girls on the streets includes rape, torture, beatings and imprisonment by pimps PHOTOGRAPH STEVE FOREST

She was feeling a bit soft | He found her the attic flat | the police round once but then she met her pimp on | with the view of the golden | he stood behind the door when she met her pimp on Skinner's Lane. He said she was lovely and kept hassling her for her address. He was in his twenties and good looking. He listened and was very understand-ing when she explained about her baby. He said he was going to help her get her baby back.

tipped mosque, a garage repair shop and a car park. He was careful when he best her with the dumb bell weights he got from the Argos catalogue; careful, that he always got her in the stomach or back — places where it did not show. Her foster mother sent and she told the police that she was fine and that she was not locked up at all. There were girls in the other bedsitting rooms

with views she never saw. Her pimp would want sex from her as well as the other girls.

she cannot quite pronounce
— and now her tubes are messed up and she cannot have any more babies. That is why she would like to find her baby and why she is telling her story — so the same thing will not happen to other girls.

Hollywood 'bans' Major's Oscars NHS agrees to foot bill for mother carrying 8 babies

HE Midlands health authority that had refused to not understood Miss Allwood pay for the London care of Mandy Allwood, the woman

carrying eight foetuses, yes-terday changed its mind. Talks will now take place between Solihull health auand Merton. Sutton and Wandsworth authority in south London, over the de-tails of who will pay the esti-mated \$500,000 for her care,

but the sum will be met by the NHS. Soithull last Friday said that equally good care was available at Birmingham hoshad moved to London, and had been under the impression she was commuting from Solihull

A spokesman for King's College hospital in London said that doctors there would treat her, and added: "The details of who is to pay have yet to be sorted out between the two local authorities." ian Black

OLLYWOOD movie moguls have taken a strong and unfortunately legalistic dislike to the British government over its well-meaning attempts to reward good but non-glitzy public service under the Citizen's Charter.

Downing Street has ordered all departments to refrain from future use of the word "Oscar" after complaints by the US Academy of Motion

Picture Arts and Science — who dish out those coveted golden statuettes to film stars. Hollywood, proving again that there really is no business like show business, got upset when the publicity for last year's Charter Mark awards used the phrase "Public Service Oceans" and lic Service Oscars", and ordered its British agent to protest about trade mark

or "Academy Awards",
whether presented to the public or private sector.
US objections may have
arisen because the British
Oscars are so unglamorous.
The Charter Maris are of the The Charter Mark, one of the flagships of John Major's the Citizen's Charter, is described as "a chance to thank infringement.
The threat of legal action people who work in public services — from nurses and teachers to librarians and was so serious that the Trea-sury Solicitor — the govern-ment's lawyers — has for-

Ed Giddins, Sussex

and England A pace

bowler, has been ...

suspended from alf

first-class cricket

not to use the marks "Oscar"

The British Oscars scheme was launched in 1992 and there are 414 companies and organisations providing a direct service to the public which are entitled to display the seal of approval for thre

years.
The Hollywood Oscars are so called because when the statue was first struck in 1927 a secretary said: "It reminds me of my Uncle Oscar." Lat est winners of the real thing include Mel Gibson, Emma Thompson, Nicholas Cage

Inside Britain

Four children, all aged under four, were at the centre of a Belfast inquiry after one was found eating stale bread left for the birds.

World News chief, accused uncarried forces of faisitying enders on Chechenia from

Britain's biggest homelender, the Halifax, warned bonowers there would be no further cuts in mortgage

until April 1998 for taking cocaine.



'Ethics' row over Saatchi peerage

OHN MAJOR last night precipitated a resh storm over the ethics of political patronage and nega awarded a peerage to Maurice Saatchi, the legendary adver-tising tycoon behind the "demonic eyes" poster campaign against New Labour.

among indignant Opposition
MPs and officials, the Prime
Minister gave a second
"working peerage" to Peter
Gummer, the younger
brother of the Environment Secretary and another key Tory insider.

As chairman of the giant Shandwick public relations firm, he is — like the new Lord Seatchi and Sir Tim Bell one of the three wise men advising on Conservative lection tectics in the crucial have become alarmed by

their negative tone.

Denouncing the duo as
Lords of the Lies, Labour's Frank Dobson declared that "no coronet and ermine will cover up Maurice Saatchi and Peter Gummer's role in drag-ging British politics lower than the gutter".

Today's amouncement contained 12 other working peers
— half of them nominated by the Labour and Liberal Demo crat parties. These included Labour-sponsored life baronies for Sir Richard Rogers, the international architect, and for Liz Symons, head of the Lord Santchi re senior Whitehall officials attack, page 5



derdice, the Alliance Party leader in Northern Ireland. Life peerages also go to two figures from the ethnic mi-norities. John Taylor, the black barrister who failed to hold Cheltenham against a weeks even some Tory MPs Mr Major's list Tony Blair nominated Swraj Paul, the Punjabi-born steel magnate and philanthropist.

Though Labour is pledged to reform the Lords by depriving 750 hereditary peers of their votes, it and the Liberal Democrats are always short of working peers willing to turn up. Nearly 500 peers take the Tory whip, barely 100 Labour's and fewer than 60 are Lib Dems.

The new Lord Paul, aged 65 is donating around £50,000 a year to Labour and was once Turn to page 2, column 3

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President Yeltsin.

Sketch

Time the tiniest pub called time

champagne," she said yester-day, still revealing a trace of

her French accent. "But that

nade us miss the Lancastria

to take us across the Channel It was just as well. The Ger-

mans dropped a bomb down

Scotsman and two RAF pilots

detour round north Africa, they disembarked at

Liverpool.
As if that wasn't enough.

after settling in Cardiff and

then Bristol, the family were

Lucie became a publican al-

most by chance. She was chairwoman of the Conserva-

tive Association in Bristol North West when she had to

sack the club steward. "I took on the job myself and thought

I could make a living out of this. First there was a pub just south of Gloucester, then a

small hotel in Torquay for a couple of years. While she was on a visit to

see one of her three sons in Dallas, Texas, 10 years ago,

another son rang up to say he had found the perfect place — a snip at £75,000. She went to

see it the moment the plane louched down at Heathrow. I

pay. But with a private income from her husband's business

Lucie persevered. And if the

oak-beamed har room, fes-

tooned with brasses, gets a wee bit crowded, customers

can use her front room next

door where the juke box has

not had a change of records fo a decade. She's keen on Abba,

but her favourite is Nilsson's

sunshine and silence. The

painting is a very peculiar kind of object, and that as much as painting is con-cerned with illusion and ef-

fect, it is the product of an

engagement with physical processes and materials.

make me uneasy, altho

Innes's work demystifles the craft of painting. The claims made for Innes as a kind of closet landscape artist

way his work is made - the

rained down on to bare can-

vas, washed-away penumbras of colour and lagoons of res-

inous shellac — undoubtedly refer to weather and geology.

But this, finally, is a classi

cal show of late 20th century

ings set up, both amongst themselves and in relation to

Innes's paintings are more

tion, of colour against the ab-sence of colour, density and

coagulation against weight-lessness and dispersion, as

light, or dumb evocations of

Painfully intense synthetic

colour burns against silence,

breathes against opaque rect-angles, geometry contests ran

This is the real thing, and a

perfect antidote to the mad-ness on the Royal Mile and

Peruvian pan-pipers on the Mound.

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Callum Innes at Inverteith

rubbed-out, empty canvas

they are about vaporous

Scottish mist.

about interval and propor-

the architecture and the

erosion of colour by rivers of turps, the sediment of pigmen

Without You

had been closed for a few years, with a succession of landlords unable to make it

bombed out of both of their

who had bailed out, and after a



David Pallister

Tused to be the pub with no name. Back in the 18th cen-tury it was just a tiny ale house for local farm labourers. Then along came the second Earl Grey — he of the tea — who as prime minister pushed the 1832 Reform Bill through Parliament.

The people rejoiced and the pub with the smallest bar room in England — 12ft 3in by 9ft 6in - became the Earl Grey

and Liberty.
The Liberty title has been lost in the mists of time, and on Hallowe'en night this year the Earl Grey, in the village of will also become a part of folk memory. The landlady for the past 10 years, Lucie Swainson, has decided that it is time to throw in the towel. "I only hope they don't call me a witch," she said

The 17th-century Cotswold stone house, with its cherry trees in the front garden and borders and baskets cascading with petunias, fuchsias and lobelias, will then become her retirement home.

With only 12 regular customers, it's not a commercial proposition," she said. "Most days I never see anyone. But the work and standing behind the bar are getting too much

Aged 68 and 17 years a widow, Lucie has had a remarkable career. In fact, she is lucky to have ended up in the village in one piece. The Germans seemed to have a per-

sonal vendetta against her. Born in Amiens northern France, of an English father remembers how, in 1940 when she was 12, the German paratroopers showered into the

outskirts of town. Her parents bundled her and her sister into a borrowed old Citroën and they made their way to Brest, Brittany,

cadging the petrol.
"We sat in a cafe and drank

Adrian Searle

PAINT bleeds, it spurts and runs. Paint can be

like flesh, like light, like

breath on a mirror. Colour can

sing and moan; colour can blind. Who says painting isn't

burgh born painter shortlisted for last year's Turner Prize, is

currently showing a succinct

survey of work at Inverleith

House in the Royal Botanic

With its well-proportioned,

light-filled rooms and its calm-ing views, this is an ideal

tionist whose qualities are best revealed away from the

hysteria and crowds of the

hyped-up, media-friendly competition show. Innes's works, slow medita-

tions both on the physical pro-

esses of painting and on the

transient, ephemeral effects of

when reduced to pan-and-scan optical soundbites for TV, but

they apparently lack the fris-son of sex and death which

undoubtedly helped Damien

Hirst win the Turner. Which is not to say that In-

nes's work lacks punch, or that it cannot deal with inti-

But it comes over as more a

whisper than a scream. And

before this starts sounding

overly romantic and soppy, it

is worth pointing out that In-

ness's paintings are tough-minded and astringent works,

produced by the most calcu-lated and extreme means. He

never lets you forget that a

mations of mortality.

atmosphere and light, not only become meaningless

sexy? Callum Innes, the Edin-

Callum innes

Inverleith House

Edinburgh review

rivers of turps

Washington fights for share of market which has plummeted to a quarter of its peak eight years ago

Russian arms sales beat US

Martin Walker

USSIA has over taken the United States as the leading arms seller to the developing world, and now has 40 per cent of the much shrunken in ternational arms market, according to a report published by the Congressional Research Service yesterday.
Russian arms sales rose by

62 per cent last year, to \$6 billion (23.87 billion). Two thirds of this came from the sale of Sukhoi fighter bomb-ers to China, and a lesser sale of the same aircraft to Vietnam. The deals were hig enough to send Russia to the top of the league in a gener-ally flat year on the interna-Behind the Russians in Arms sales

sales to the developing world were the US at \$3.8 billion, France at \$2.4 billion, Italy at 800 million and Britain at

The report defined the developing world as all nations | Britain was second last year

ern Europe, Canada, Japan, Australia and New Zealand The developing nations, it said, accounted for slightly more than half of arms pur-

chases worldwide last year. The arms trade has declined five years in a row, to a total \$15.4 billion last year, down from the 1988 peak of \$61 billion. The Gulf war's boost to the market for hightech US weaponry has dissi pated — US arms sales fell from \$6.3 billion in 1994 to last year's \$3.8 billion.

the Middle East, Russia also saw a collapse of its lucrative market in Iran. Russia sold Iran \$3.5 billion of arms between 1988-91, and has sold it only \$200 million since. The decline in the Middle

Like most other sellers to

East arms market has hurt British exports. Although

except the US, Russia, West- | in deliveries of weapons, selling \$4.5 billion, the cutbacks in Saudi and Gulf orders helped Britain drop to fifth in the world rankings for new orders last year.

The US is seeking new mar kets, and the Clinton adminis-tration is proposing to lift restrictions on arms sales to Latin America, long con-strained to prevent any regional arms race.

"I expect the arms industry and the Pentagon to use this report to say America is fall-ing behind, and we have to have a level playing field, and let's start with Latin America." Dr William Hartung, senior fellow at the World Policy Institute in New York, and an authority on the arms trade, said yesterday.

"It's absurd, and danger ous. We ought to be celebrating that the arms market is in Iran, and other exports decline. But these are very Pakistan and North Kores.

useful statistics for US industry, even though the reality is that Russia is not surging ahead and capturing our markets. This is a one-year

The US response to the de clining market has aiready begun, with a \$15 billion mili tary export financing pro gramme authorised by Con-gress last year. Paul Hoeper, under-secretary of defence for international and commercial programmes, has already listed 37 nations which qual-ify for the US subsidies, including China, Indonesia, Ma-

laysia, Chile and Mexico. China's rearmament is exected to fuel new markets among its nervous neighbours, although China too now creeping into the list of arms export leaders with its sales of Silkworm missiles to Iran, and other exports to

The desperation of US arms exporters is producing some bizarre deals. McDonnell-Douglas accepted part of Thailand's \$580 million payent for eight F-18 fighters in

the form of frozen chickens. The figures in the CRS report also may undervalue the real scale of US sales, because since 1990 so much US equipment has been sold at big discounts. In that period, the US transferred 3,900 tanks and 500 combat aircraft to a range of countries. Greece and Turkey received the lion's share of the equipment from US Nato stocks, which had to be reduced under the 1990 conventional arms reduction treaty.

to developing nations, 1988-95, by Richard Grimmett. Congressional Research Service, Washington DC.

Alan Bond jailed on art fraud charges

Health plea ignored as example is made of former Australian of the year who abused his power

Christopher Zinn in Sydney

LAN BOND, the penniless British-born 1980s media mogul beer baron and multimillionaire, was jailed for three years yesterday for an intri-cate fraud involving a French mpressionist masterpiece. Pleas for leniency were ig-

Having already lost the nored, including claims that Bond, aged 58, who was once named Australian of the year, school and the shop, the 600 villagers of Quenington still have another pub, The Keepwas sick and could die in jail. er's Arms, a stagger away from the Earl Grey. Tom Por-ter, the landlord, said: "She's Passing sentence, Perth District Court Judge Antoinette Kennedy said that dea star. It will be the end of an spite defence claims that Bond was a national hero and should not be made a scape-Yesterday Quenington's vil lage green was bathed in hazy goat for the excesses of the

Wadsworth 6X from Lucie's two steel casks behind the bar She told Bond that while some would regard the jail term as lenient, "any prison was suitably warm. A couple of regulars passed by. It was a sentence is a life sentence for scene that would have brough a tear to John Major's eye. someone in your position, in

Last Friday a jury found Bond guilty on four counts of fraud relating to the millions his family company, Dallhold Investments, made on trans-Whisper of death, his family company, Dallhold Investments, made on transactions involving Edouard Manet's La Promenade

80s, prison was the only

They found he had improp-erly used his position as di-rector of the flagship public company Bond Corp, which he founded, to allow Dalihold to buy the painting in 1988 for about £1 million — £5 million less than its market value. He sold it a year later for

As Bond was led away his lawyers said he had a stiff upper lip. But defence QC Ju-lian Burnside said: "We are convinced that a term in prison may kill Mr Bond or substantially injure his

Prosecutor Brian Martin QC argued that if Bond who has high blood pressure - had merely been fined it would create the impression that "if you are big enough, you can get away with it." Bond will serve at least 12 tonths; the defence team said abstraction, a lesson in how to hang an exhibition, and in the kirds of dialogues that paint-

e would appeal. That tactic worked in 1992 when Bond, who gave his name to Australia's first private university, was released from a prison farm after serv-ing three months. His dishon-

esty convictions involving the bungled rescue of a merci bank were later quashed on

the last, courtroom chapter in the rags-to-riches and back again saga of "Bondie", who won Australia the America's Cup yachting trophy in 1983. At one stage his art collection included 300 old masters and impressionist paintings, and in 1987 he stunned the art world by buying Van Gogh's Irises for £32 million. Much of 1992 after his first fall from grace.

The money Bond made on La Promenade was at the ex-pense of shareholders in Bond Corp, which went bust in 1991. A string of charges followed, and after a long round of hearings, Bond was de-clared bankrupt, underwent open-heart surgery and re

The most serious charges against Bond have still to be that you cannot sink into heard. Later this year he faces a huge compensation claim from the liquidators of Bond Corp; more criminal charges are to be heard in April 1997.

The former high-flier's unauthorised biographer, Paul Barry, said the most recent conviction was small beer compared to asset-stripping charges he still faces.

"The main thing has still to come to trial and that involves more than A\$1,000 million (£500 million) which was lifted from a company called Bell Resources and besically spent by the Bond group of companies," he said. Bond's wife Diana Bliss, the

only member of his immediate family at court, said afterwards: "I'm upset that Alan has to go to prison, as I'm sure a lot of Australians are. "However, we are grateful for judge Kennedy's comments about the family and Alan's contribution to the

community."

The judge had said that although Bond had many strong qualities, and was admired by many Australians, be had brought his misfortunes on himself.

She said that in the handling of the La Promenade mat-ter, Bond had failed to avoid a conflict of interest and look after the best interests of his



Alan Bond, rags-to-riches and back again mogul, at the Perth court which jailed him

Wizards of Oz

Australians icho built business empires:

Rupert Murdoch, media magnate

Aged 65. Media empire includes four British newspapers, New York Post, 40 per cent of BSkyB, Star satellite TV, HarperCollins papers sold in Australia each day. Became American citizen to get round US media ownership laws. No known interests apart from

Kerry Packer: split world of cricket

Aged 58. Empire, tuherited from father, takes in television, magazines and investment. Believed to be worth more than £1 billion. Known for splitting cricket world with rival tournament in the 1970s. Had heart attack in 1990. Handed control in March of main com pany, Publishing & Broadcasting Ltd, to son James.

John Elliott: brewing empire

Aged 54. Empire was based on brewing, his Elders IXL (Foster's Lager) company taking over Britain's Courage brewery. A former president of Australian Liberal Party. Was cleared this month of giving false evi-dence by a Melbourne court. Still faces charges of stealing £32.7 million and conspiracy to defraud.

Art to oil: Robert **Holmes a Court**

Empire stretched from holding in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group to ranching, fine art. newspapers and oil. Owned much of London's West End. Died aged 53 in 1990. In 1980s, fortune estimated at £1 billion. Despite losses in 1987 crash, believed to have left £100 million. Wife Janet took over empire.

Ethics row erupts as Tories give life peerages to image men in negative campaigning most maladroit move I have | Blair as the devil incarnate. | out of office for 20 years." seen in a long time," said one | They've already admitted | Mr Gummer is targeted as

continued from page I a Tory donor, though wider charities cost him 2500.000 a year. He once gave I million to help save London Zoo. But his nomination, like

that of Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman of the Tesco super-market group and an enthusiastic Tory donor, attracted only modest interest compared with outrage over the Saatchi-Gummer awards.

senior Labour MP. Mr Saatchi is blamed for the focus on Labour and Mr Blair's untrustworthiness which culminated in rapid withdrawal of the "demonic eyes" poster attack on the Labour leader this month, amid criticism from bishops

and others. Mr Dobson said lest night: They've already admitted said: "No wonder they hate Blairite support for the social that it's a lie to portray Tony Maurice, he helped keep them chapter and the minimum

their objective was to make that image of him the princi-pal image of the general election campaign. They are proud to peddle lies. This announcement confirms that John Major has given his per-sonal seal of approval for the most negative election cam-

But one Saatchi loyalist

m even more shadowy figure behind efforts to trumpet revived economic success with such devices as the in-dustry-backed brochure called "the World thinks Britain's Great" which had a party political flavour. He is also seen as working

o discredit such Labour plans as the windfall tax.

wage are also being used to undermine growing business support for a change of The new peers are

The new poers are Berveneeus — Joyce Anelsy, former chairman of the Conservative Worsen's National Committee (Con); Hazel Bylard, President of the Nettonal Union of Conserva-valve and Unionist Associations (Con); Mets Remssy, former diplomat, now an International stitute consustant and foreign policy adviser to the Leader of the Opposi-tion (Lab); Etzabeth Symons, General Sarvistry of the Association of First Div-Ision Civil corvants and an Equal Opporta-nities Commissioner (Lab).

Shandwick pic and the chairman designate of the Royel Opera House (Con); Sirlan Mackerin, chairman of Tesco pic (Con); Mayince Sastch, chairman of the of M 6 C Sastch Agency (Con); John Taylor, barrister, writer and nelevision presenter (Con); David Curne, Professor of Economics and termer deputy principal of of the London Susiness School (Lab); Sirral Paul, chairman of Capero Group Lid and leading Asian businessamus (Lab); Sir Richard Rogers, architect and vice-chairman of the Arts Courcil (Lab); John (Lary) Whitly, former general secretary of the Labour Party and now its European coordinator (Lab), John Alderdice, Leader of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland (Lib Dan); Martin Thomas, QC, a Rocorder of the Crown Court and Prasident of the Weigh Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem).

Tussaud's bid for Stonehenge 21st century tourism contract

THE FIRM that runs Ma-dame Tussauds waxworks and the Alton Towers theme park is among four beritage companies competing to take 'Stonehenge experience" into the next century. The four have been shortsted for the contract to de-L build, finance and oper-

expected doubling of the 708,000 visitors each year to as English Heritage, the quango responsible for the world heritage site, seeks to protect the ancient stones and improve access. The present visitor's centre, from which people must walk by underpass to the stones, is considered a national disgrace.

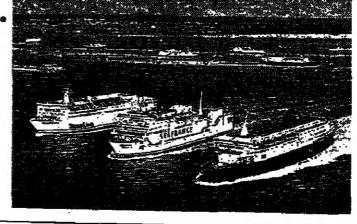
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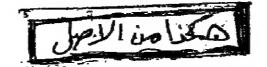
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Parting can be such sweet sorrow - but some manage to jump before they get pushed

Some of those who reached the top of their professions and had the wit to quit while they were ahead:



Ronnie Barker . . . went off to run an antique shop in 1987 at the age of 59 after



Lord Wilson ... won four elections out of five for Labour but resigned out of blue in March 1976.



Gary Lineker ... left Spurs for money and obscurity in

Barn La

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Greta Garbo ... bowed out in 1941, became a legend and lived in seclusion. Died aged 84 in 1990.



Christie's final false start

Britain's sprint ace is to give it one more go before hanging up his spikes. **John**| to stop. And while he is enjoying it and is fast enough, with the arts you do get something similar." said before hanging up his spikes. John

Duncan on the art of knowing when to quit

SIT us or is it them? We requirements of the game. wanted to remember "To perform at an elite Linford Christie as the level you have to have bulging-eyed Olympic champion of Barcelona but he just had to have another crack in Atlanta. OK, we thought, never mind the starting pistol, let's wave goodbye at Gateshead. But no, now he is going to have one last go in Germany. Just one more, you under-stand, just one more. The toughest thing about being at the top, it seems, is knowing when to call it a

Of course Christie, who claims he is doing his German doctor a longstanding favour, is not the first. Frank Bruno wiped off the pantomime greasepaint in his 30s before wiping the smile off Oliver McCall's face for a world title and fter his last classic win on Rodrigo de Triano in 1992, but drifted unbearably for another two years winning very little. Why?

The operative word here is compulsion," said Christopher Connolly, a director of Sporting Bodymind, a sports psychology company which for 17 years has advised sportsmen, including British Olympians and football teams, on the mental Some manage it. Gary

forces in you that are not normal, beyond normal drives and motivations, a compulsion to keep going depite the disruptions and pains of training and com-peting, and that isn't easy to just switch off. "When they get to the end

of the road two things hap-pen. One, they go into de-nial of the passing of their skills. Second, they often just don't have anything else to turn to. Achievement is how they have defined themselves and to hard."

That, says Roger Black, who took 400m silver in Atthen freezing in front of lanta at the age of 30, is the could stop whenever I Mike Tyson. Lester Piggott key. "It's a huge change to wanted, but I had to admit should not have saddled up make," said Black. "I have then that athletics mat- achieved," said Brian Sewpoken to friends like Kriss Akabusi, who's doing well, making money and happy. but he says that once you have stopped it's not the same. Daley Thompson, too. Athletics offers you a daily goal and if you take

that away you never find anything to replace it.
"Linford's love of athletics is so strong and his talent is so high that he was always going to find it hard

Lineker's career remains a golden wonder thanks to him being ditched by Gra-bam Taylor for England, dumping Spurs for Japan and then getting injured. Greta Garbo wanted to be alone and got her way as alone and got her way as soon as possible. Ronnie Barker leaped off sitcom's slippery slope to run a small shop. And Harold Wilson secured his name in history by dropping Jim Callaghan right in it at No. 10. No. 10.

Others like Ivan Lendl pack in one game - tennis and move on to another golf — almost as if competition in some form is an addiction. Black bimself kept going despite a series give up something they have given their life to, that is part of the way they define themselves, is so dular fever in '93 and I could have stopped then," said Black. "I had told myself at that point that I

> let on and that my happi-ness depended on it." Nor is it an affliction only of sport. Margare Thatcher was not for turning until her party turned on her. Bob Dylan has not realised that times have already achanged as far as he is concerned, and Tony Curtis should have just snogged Marilyn Monroe and walked away.

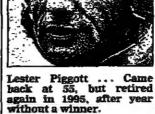
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something similar," said Michael Billington, the Guardian theatre critic. "Take John Osborne, who wrote a succession of good plays from '56 to '66 and then spent the next 24 years repeating himself and trying to get re-estab-lished. The difference is, though, that with artists there is always the possibil-ity of something good late on. Arthur Miller had a wonderful early period, a bad middle period, but is

having a rebirth now. Because there is no physical restriction, you can't give up on them." In theatre the best exam-ple of quitting while ahead might be Shelagh Delaney, who wrote the brilliant Taste of Honey at 19, did a couple of other plays and then moved on to other things. "She was the equiv-

der," said Billington.
"It's male vanity, this desire to go on, women know when to give up, when something has been

alent of a one Test won-



they could go on forever.

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and did not heed the voices



Frank Bruno ... boxed his way to three title fights, finally won in 1995 at 34 but



Lady Thatcher ... tried to take '80s values into '90s and failed. Party lost nerve in 1990 and forced her out.



Children 'left to fight birds for crumbs'

Owen Bowcott

HREE brothers and their sister, all aged under four, were in foster care last night after one was found eating stale bread left out for the birds. Neighbours in the Ardoyne,

north Belfast, alerted police when it was claimed that the children's 22-year-old mother had abandoned them over-night in the company of four drunken youths, to travel to a seaside party 30 miles away.

RUC officers and social workers who took the children into care were forced to mask their faces as they searched through scenes of squalor in the terrace house. Milk bottles filled with urine were standing in bedrooms while the younger children's nappies had not been changed. One boy was cov-ered in lice and the mattress in a cot was soaking.

Lindsay Conway, chairman of the Northern Ireland branch of the British Association of Social Workers, de-scribed the conditions as

But the mother said last night she was the victim of a smear campaign and was out shopping rather than at a party when the children — the youngest 10 months old were taken into care. "Somebody wrecked the house before the cameramen went in to take pictures of it. Somebody took the curtains down. It was spotless when I left it. "I went to get my [shop-

ping] and when I came back the kids were away." Neighbours said they had been concerned for some time about the conditions in which the children were living and

the noisy drinking parties at the house. Local families had given the children food whenever possible. None of the youths with whom the mother left the children was a relative. Early the next day, the oldest boy, evidently famished, climbed

out of a sitting room window

and began to scour streets and gardens for something to "He was off to pick up the bread that was left for the birds," a neighbour said. "He was seen going through bins looking for food. People saw

police, the children were fed and washed by a neighbour, who said: "The baby boy drank five bottles of milk. The conditions they were being kept in were filthy. Nobody could live there."

Bobby Lavery, a Sinn Fein councillor, said there was widespread anger at the way the case had been handled. "The entire neighbourhood is up in arms. The establishment must carry some of the blame. I'm not trying to absolve this woman from blame. but she clearly needs as much

help as the children do.

The cuts in social benefits and welfare in an area where there is 70 per cent unemployment are disgraceful. The au-thorities had been to this

house before."
A neighbour said: "The welfare was to blame. They made regular visits but they just seemed to have overlooked the problem. This is what

made us so angry.

"When you think of what those poor children had to suffer. It's awful. People can't believe something like this could happen, practically on their own doorstep. They were asked twice to do some

thing, but what happened? Nothing." North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust said the family was known to staff. Out-of-hours social work services had responded promptly and arranged to have the children taken into care.

"When we knew the situa-tion had deteriorated so badly we acted immediately." spokeswoman said. "The children are in care and safe.

"Social workers cannot be there 24 hours a day. Cases of neglect can be harder for pro-fessionals. There are no obvious signs as in sexual or physical abuse and the situation can deteriorate very

rapidly."
The law requires that parents are given support in bringing up their children, the spokeswoman added. Tak-ing children into care and removing them from their family should occur only when there was no other option. An internal examination of the cases was under way.

"I will get them back," mother said last night. "Their father left me for another achieved," said Brian Sew-ell, a leading art critic. Bob Dylan ... success and riches until mid-70s but poor overs from takeaways thrown overs from takeaways thrown overs from takeaways thrown away the night before."

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BSkyB and BT seek digital link as TV profits surge by £100m

Roger Cowe

RITISH Telecom is ne gotiating a partnership with satellite broad-caster BSkyB which would help both sides fight off growing competition from cable

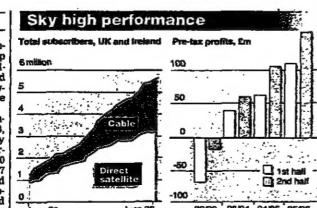
suppliers.
The negotiations were confirmed yesterday by BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, as it revealed a £100 million jump in profits to £257 million. The surge followed sustained growth in Sky subscriptions, which pushed annual sales past £1 billion for the first time Yesterday neither side

would reveal details of their discussions, which are aimed at capitalising on the launch of digital television towards the end of next year. But BT is expected to make an announcement about its digital strategy next month. BSkyB's chief executive, Sam Chisholm, said a link

with BT to provide telephone and interactive services was "one of the imponderables" which the company had to face in gearing up for digital

confirming that talks were taking place, a BT spokesman said: "We are looking at all developments in digital." BT is working with the BBC
on a trial of terrestrial digital
broadcasting, and has conducted its own video-onfight off an increasing threat

City analyst Anthony de packet by at least 3 minutes people. "Pay-per-view when commercially marketed is clearly a product for the fight off an increasing threat



demand trials in Ipswich and Colchester. But a link with the satellite company would enable it to achieve national coverage quickly and cheapl⁻¹, and provide the movie content.

BSkyB intends to offer vir-tual-video on demand as part of its digital service, which will also deliver higher quality pictures and sound. Mr Chisholm said he also simed to use the huge new satellite capacity to offer intersctive services in areas such as banking, home shopping and seat reservations. Such ser-vices would need a telephone

company partner. City analyst Anthony de Larrinaga said a link between

from cable operators. "Both sides would win," he said.
"BSkyB would accelerate the growth of its digital base. while BT would hope to keep down the penetration of cable

telephone users."

The development of digital technology will also herald large-scale pay-per-view television. Sky introduced this with the Bruno-Tyson boxing match this year, and plans further events this autumn on its existing analogue satellite

Head of programming David Elstein said the fight attracted 650,000 one-off sales and the match itself was watched by at least 5 million people. "Pay-per-view when

Despite plans to introduce the higher quality digital service next year, Sky's existing service continues to expand Subscriptions grew by almost a fifth last year to 5.5 million, pushing up BSkyB sales by 30 per cent to £1,008 million.

But cable subscribers, who are less profitable, continue to grow faster than satellite viewers. Dish sales since Christmas have been lower than in the past two years while sales to cable customer: grew last year by almost two thirds to £121 million, overtaking advertising revenue. Growth in profits was

helped by lower interest costs following the share issue in 1994, while the tax bill remains negligible. Finance director Richard Brooks said the company had previously underestimated the scale of tax losses available, and did not now expect to pay tax until 1997/98.

BSkyB continues to add channels and will be providing more than 40 by the end of the year. Included in 11 new services this autumn will be a weather channel, the Warner Channel and seven launched jointly with Granada TV.

BSkyB confirmed ye that it is still negotiating a 49 per cent stake in Germany's first digital TV service, DF1, which was launched last month, and that it still expects to take a stake in the Premiere German pay TV



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More than a month after the TWA Boeing 747 dropped out of the sky, one disconcerting fact is emerging from the white noise of salvage news and speculation: investigators are not much closer to establishing the cause of the disaster.

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News in brief

Teacher jailed for fondling girls

A TEACHER accused of sexually assaulting four of his female pupils in their classrooms was found guilty yesterday and sentenced to 12 months in prison. Christopher Keeton, aged 32. former head of chemistry at North Chadderton high school. Oldham, Lancashire, was convicted of seven indecent assaults

The court heard he had groped and fondled the pupils even after receiving a severe reprimand for an incident in 1992 when he had kissed one of them on the lips.

Keeton was unanimously convicted of indecently assaulting this girl, and the jury returned majority verdicts on six further charges. One of the girls wept as she decribed how Keeton had called her sexy and gorgeous, persistently touching her breasts and hottom when she was 17. She finally reported him after he grabbed her breasts in a science preparation room.

Keeton had claimed to be the victim of a whispering campaign after the first incident.

Lucy Manning

Death coach charges

THE coach driver involved in a crash in Wales in which 10 people died last year is to be charged with 10 counts of causing death by dangerous driving the Crown Prosecution Service said yesterday The operator faces four charges.

The coach, cartying people from a day care centre in St David's, Dyfed, on a day trip to Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, over-turned on the A40 at Ragian, Gwent, on July 5, Philip William Crisp, the driver, also faces other charges.
The operator, Ronald Lewis, faces four charges, including

The operator, romain lewis, taces four charges, including cutsing a vehicle to be used with defective brakes and with a defective speed limiter, the CPS said. Crisp is also charged with careless driving, using a vehicle with defective brakes, using a vehicle with a defective speed limiter and two tachograph

Both men are to appear at Abergavenny magistrates court.

Police seize cannons

POLICE are investigating the salvaging of two 17th century Dutch cannons which were discovered hidden in a house in Beadnell, Northumberland. They were called in to investigate the circumstances in which the cannons — taken from the wreck of a Dutch warship — were lifted from their resting place off Gun Rock, on one of the Farne Islands, off Bamburgh.

Police had to use heavy lifting equipment and specialist vehicles to remove the cannons, which weigh about two tons each.

Inspector ian Clayton said no one had yet been arrested or charged. "Our inquiries are continuing in liaison with the Receiver of Wrecks. The area off the coast is strewn with wrecks of this kind. We believe the cannons came from a 17th century Dutch vessel." He said it had yet to be established whether it was

Airport baby to be adopted

A NEWBORN boy dumped in a Heathrow airport nappy bin in February is to be adopted soon, a spokesman for Hillingdon social services, in west London, announced yesterday. Yaakov Wise said his new parents would be chosen from previously-approved potential adoptive parents.

The baby was found wrapped in a carrier bag in the toilets of British Airways Oasis departure lounge in Terminal 4. A woman heard his cries and he was taken to the neo-natal special care baby unit at Ashford hospital, in Surrey. His mother has never

Garsington Opera

ON August 9 the Guardian reported a ruling by the Local Government Ombudsman that five residents of Garsington, Oxfordshire, should each receive £300 compensation and stated that this was for "noise pollution" caused by an open air opera. We have been asked to make clear that the compensation is for maladministra tion by South Oxfordshire district council in ignoring soundproofing restrictions, and is to be paid by the council, not by



A policeman seeks help from the public in the search for Jodi and Tom Loughlin, aged six and four, who went missing on Sunday on a Norfolk beach

Search for children widens

Vivek Chaudhary on the disappearance of a brother and sister from a crowded beach 'ideal for a quiet family holiday'

sand dunes, its end can barely be seen on a cloudy day amid the mist and sea spray. As flat as a murky brown pancake stretching endlessly into the horizon, the beach at Holme next the Sea. Norfolk, is, according to residents, an ideal place for a quiet family holiday away from the hectic fairgrounds and amusement arcades of

ROM the edge of the sand dunes, its end can barely be seen on a cloudy day come for a bit of nature and relaxation, and, of course, the beach. It's not like Hunstan ton, we get a very select crowd here."

The tranquillity of the resort has been shattered by the disappearance of Jodi Loughlin, aged six, and her brother Tom, four. Parents cautiously watched

neighbouring Hunstanion.
There's not a burger bar for miles," said Peter Cheaden who runs Holme's only the children, now entering its leave to let them into the water. It's silly, but after what's happened it's of Norfolk constabulary said:
"We have been concentrating to their children as a helicopter but I'm too scared to let them into the water. It's silly, but after what's happened it's of Norfolk constabulary said:
"We have been concentrating summer months. For locals, dangers in towns and cities."

third day. As a group of boys played football and a father and son flew a kite in the cloudy, overcast sky, Kalvin Bohin was ushering his two sons, Elliot, five, and Michael, three, back from the edge of

"I haven't let them out of my sight all day," said Mr Bo-bin, on holiday from Essex. "At the moment the tide's out, but who knows what could happen? I would normally let

my sons run around, but I haven't let go of them for the past couple of days."

Judith Kirkby, on holiday from Rugby, Northamptonshire, said: "My three kids wanted to go swimming today

on Sunday moments after ar-riving on Holme beach with parents, Kevin Loughlin and Lynette Thornton, of south London. With hordes of holidaymakers on the beach, the two children were last seen by their parents at 5.30 pm running towards the

police, who have been scourng the area since. Police said yesterday that teams of volunteers and specialist search teams would continue to scour coastal and inland areas. Up to 50 people are involved in the search, using sniffer dogs and ther-

sea. After searching for them for two hours they alerted

Jodi and Tom went missing | our search along the beach | however, the dangers of Norman Sunday moments after ar | and in houses, buildings and folk's flat coastline and turbutiving on Holme beach with | outhouses. We now plan to | lent waters are well known. move the search a further two miles inland."

The disappearance has devastated the sleepy village of Holme, population 200, where, claim locals, nothing ever happens except the annual invasion of city dwellers look-ing to sample a bit of rural

Most of the tiny population is on first name terms in Holme, which comprises a shop, a pub, a church and a couple of stables. Posters inviting holidaymakers to a special summer church ser- the tide comes in very vice are dotted along the main | quickly. People who come

but many believe they should be made public to the visitors who flock to the area every

Julie, a local resident who has two children aged under 10, said: "I don't think parents in this village are that wor-ried, but of course we are all deeply shocked by what's happened. We see the dangers of the sea all the time. The tide is very strong and the coastline is littered with creeks, sand dunes and sand banks You can get stranded because



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Barrister defends covert videoing of 'sexy' princess in top store

Stuart Miller DRINCESS Diana and other women had no

right to complain if they appeared provoca-tively dressed in public and men took pictures of them, a court was told yesterday. Less them a week after the princess gained an injunction against a photographer, barrister Jacque-line Samuel told

Southwark crown court in south London that criticism of men who took photographs or video footage of women in sexy the "video rat" tag preju-clothes, even if without diced his trial. their knowledge, was

ing legal arguments while public places. Princess Dishe was prosecuting Gary Archer, the former head of I think criticism of a person

security at Harvey Nichols, who took the video would sold the story of the video for two charges of theft be unfounded."

Sold the story of the video would as part of a campaign from the London store. The Mr Archer, who resigned against her husband. judge later dismissed the charges.

Mr Archer, aged 36, from Somerset, was branded a "video rat" in January after allegations that secu-rity cameras at the store were used to record the princess as she shopped and met a property million-aire, Christopher Whalley, in the coffee shop. The 25-minute video contained lingering close-ups of her cleavage and legs. Mr Archer's defence argued

"It is no offence at all to take videos of people who wear low-neck dresses in

French investigators came

French detectives are plan-ning to re-interview ail 39 children who travelled in the

school party in the hope of

turning up new clues, Although Devon and Corn-

wall officers have contacted

Salford schoolgirl in a French

carried out the rape.

from Harvey Nichols in 1994 over an unrelated matter, denies making the that the story was not in it-tapes, which were discov-ered in his desk. Police were called but it was detapes, which were discovered in his desk. Police were called but it was decided no offence had been

Earlier, Mark Milliken-Smith, defending, told the court that the theft charges, which involved two rugs, two walkie-talkies, a tapestry border and a footstool appeared to have been instigated by Mr Archer's common-law wife, Susan, after they separated last year. There had been undue delay, and the prose

against her husband.

The judge, Recorder Desmond Browne QC, agreed the possibility of a prosecu-tion witness having insti-gated the charges could be prejudicial, and the layse since 1993 when the rugs were allegedly taken meant Mr Archer was unable to trace a defence witness. After the hearing, Miss Samuel said: "The point was whether the defendant would have his reputation

would have his reputation lowered in the view of a jury by taking a photo-graph of a woman in a low

cution and police had made cut dress.

mistakes. It was also possible that Mrs Archer, a prosecution witness, had a legal argument."

DNA test results clear five boys | Labour fights shy of royal on trip with murdered schoolgirl Way Ahead Group reforms

Geoffrey Gibbs and Alex Duval Smith

Social City Social Soci France with the murdered Cornish schoolgiri, Caroline Dickinson, spoke yesterday of the boys' feeling of "almighty relief" after DNA samples they had provided to police were shown to be negative.
Results of the tests were

nade public last night a day after the boys, aged between 12 and 14, voluntarily gave samples to the team of British and French detectives investito 20 officers from the Devon and Cornwall force the five

gating the 13-year-old's death. Caroline was raped and suf-focated four weeks ago while staying at a youth hostel in the Brittany town of Pleine Fougeres with a party of 39 children and five adults from

Launceston College. Samples taken from the five hoys at Lauroeston police police in Greater Manchester following reports that a man mediately flown to France for tried to suffocate a 14 year-old analysis. In a statement yesterday Devon and Cornwall hostel three hours before Carpolice said the tests had all police said the tests had all away, it has become clear the away, it has become clear the

Katharine Parnall, the so-licitor representing the five up by French police.

boys, said: "One cannot stress how traumatic it has been for Michael White Political Editor

these boys. They have been through the grief of losing a friend, and have potentially A FUTURE Labour govern-ment would not permit effective "privatisation" of been suspects themselves. Today was an almighty relief. If the boys were ever sus-pects, the scientific evidence the monarchy by allowing the Queen to trade her Civil List confirms their payments for the revenues of the Crown Estate

A Blair-led government alto Britain to renew their in-quiries after they released a ready committed to constitutional reform - including de-39-year-old vagrant and volution and ending hereditary voting rights in the Lords — would not welknown sex offender who had earlier confessed to the crime. DNA tests showed he had not come further controversy, and the Queen is committed Working with a team of up to acting only by consensus.

After this week's revelation

that the royal family's Way Ahead Group is considering reform options, opinion on Labour's front and back benches looks united in its de-sire to retain the limited parliamentary accountability fi-

nancial control provides.
"That's not on," said one senior MP. "The Civil List provides one means by which the monarch is accountable to Parliament." Another senior MP, former minister Alan Williams, called the idea "a load of constitutional non-sense". Some Tories are also

wary at what he calls a royal "panic" in response to a decade of worsening publicity.

On paper the abandonment of the £8.9 million Civil List and state payments totalling around 255 million a year, would be a good bargain in return for Crown Estate revenues given up in 1760 and now worth an annual 294.6 million gross from billions in capital value.

Financially it is inconcelyable, and any publicity value from "standing on our own two feet" would be offset by concern that the monarchy was privatising its assets and could, in theory, start dis-posing of assets like jewel-lery, land or art works, Both republican MPs and

monarchical modernisers suspect this week's publicity is silly season bot air that will amount to little in the long run.
Some MPs would like a
select committee or royal commission to investigate royal finances, but so scared of the issue are both Labour and Tory front benches, reply other reform-minded MPs, that the only hope of change is if the Windsors initiate it.

EOPLE are being killed by air pollution from traffic and par-ticularly diesel engines, the Government will of-ficially admit today when it presents a new set of much tighter air quality targets.

John Gummer, the Envi-ronment Secretary, will announce maximum concentra-tions for eight known cer or restrict lung function. They are benzene, carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, particles, sulphur dioxide and 1.3 Butadi-

ene (an organic compound given off by petrol, which gives it its smell). The long overdue Air Quality Strategy follows months of

consultation between Mr Gum-mer, his allies at the Depart-ment of Health and opponents at the Treasury and Depart-ment of Trade and Industry. Mr Gummer won the battle to introduce the tighter limits recommended by his own panel of experts — but lost the

economic argument as the

DTI feared traffic restrictions might damage the economy. As a compromise Mr Gummer has put off achieving the new targets until 2005. In the interim he has given local authorities powers to act when pollution gets too high, possibly by closing roads and stop-ping traffic. In practice, though this is unlikely to be

videns

effective.
According to Mr Gummer's own experts, the statistics show that by postponing action he is accepting thousands will die prematurely. In November he was told by his expert panel on air quality standards that up to 25 people a day were dying as a result of minute particles in air, mostly from vehicle ex-hausts and the majority from

There is no safe limit for

less than 10 microns in diameter (a micron is a millionth of a metre) — but the experts recommended 50 parts per billion in air and that has been accepted by Mr

Gummer. The problem for him is that around 80 per cent of buses and lorries now exceed emission levels required to meet these stringent standards. From April, each local au-thority will have to produce an air quality strategy involv-

ing measuring pollution levels and evolving schemes to bring them below the target. The problem is that local authorities will have no extra funds or control over motorways where many of the prob-lems are produced.

Perhaps the best example is the ozone pollution in the last few days. The Government's existing standard is 90 parts per billion over a one hour period, a figure rarely ex-ceeded. The new standard is 50 parts per billion over an eight hour period, which means the whole country has been suffering a pollution episode in the last few days—and local authorities would be unable to solve that

For many of the pollutants the Government is counting on the European Commission to come up with new mea sions to meet its 2005 deadlines for the eight substances. The National Society for Clean Air welcomed the new

standards as a milestone in air pollution control — but said decisive government action was required if they were to be met by 2005, Local authorities could not solve the problem on their own. Michael Meacher, Labour's

environment spokesman, said the measures were "too little too late" and claimed the pollution was caused by trans-port chaos inflicted by 17 years of decline in public transport and unregulated promotion of car use under

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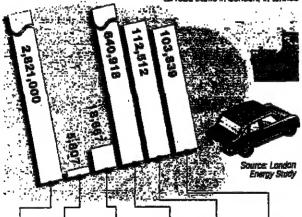
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Political Editor

AURICE Saatchi is not the first adver-tising gurn to reach the red leather

benches of the House of Lords, nor the first clever son of immigrant Jewish parents to make the same journey. But Rothschilds and Disraelis apart, his name must be the est known.

In the mid-1980s Saatchi-& Saatchi, the firm he founded with his older brother Charles — they are now aged 53 and 50 — became world, only to stumble in a shareholder-driven coup

More than that, they had been associated with creating the astonishing global phenomenon that was Margaret Thatcher in her prime, and ecame both rich and famous in the process — rich enough after the 1992 election campaign not to press for pay-ment of a £1 million Tory

Unlike Lady Thatcher, the Saatchis bounced back from their own defeat. M & C Saatchi won key contracts — like British Airways — from not Charles, in the leading

More to the point Maurice became closer to John Major than his brother ever did to Lady Thatcher. Together with Sir Tim Bell and Peter Gum-mer — chairman of the huge Shandwick PR agency and also ennobled today — he is one of the "three wise men" of the Tory campaign.

Oldco, as they called the old firm, this time with Maurice, not Charles. in the leading the leaves the creative detail to others.'

As such Maurice Saatchi. who is married to the novelist Josephine Hart, is the driving force behind the controver sial New Labour, New Danger campaign, with its crude play on naked fear of what a Labour government could Labour campaign strate-

gists regard this as a new low

In reality it is never quite that simple. Though parties of the right have pioneered such techniques throughout the 20th century — chiefly be-cause they work, as even the much-abused satanic Blair may eventually work — Labour and even the Liberal Democrats and defunct SDP

have also dabbled.

In the 1970 campaign, "Maurice isn't a creative in negative advertising, im-advertising man, Maurice is ported from the US and based pectedly lost to Ted Heath, it politics.

strategy," one colleague explains. "He asks 'What is the message?" and makes things simple and clear, but he of Tony Blair, Labour's chief controversy. Though not in swayed disciplines. the demon eyes league, it did Maurice Saatchi, currently not prevent a seat in the House of Lords going to Peter Lovell-Davis, the Wilsonite newspaper man who helped dream it up. He is still there, on holiday, likes to say that

ready to greet Lords Saatchi What has changed in the intervening years, as today's double peerage underlines, is the way in which the market-ing men have moved from the

"We've done that. Our ambition is to be the most sought-after." A fifth, improbable, victory for John Major would boost that prospect. With the stakes so high, scruples may decline.
"Maurice is really very

humble, you can tell him when he's wrong," says one admirer. We shall see.

he no longer wants to run the

world's biggest agency.

Richard Rogers | Liz Symons

WHEN he accepted his knighthood, Richard Rogers's 86-year-old mother was furious that her rebel son was joining the establishment. But even with a peerage, he will still do his best to stir things up. Born in Italy in 1983 to English parents, he came to Britain in 1939.

After an education compli-cated by dyslexis — he was categorised as lazy - he left school at 16, but studied architecture in London after finishing his National Service. His break came when he won the competition to design the Pompidou Centre in Paris. It attracts more visitors than the Riffel Tower and the Louvre. His other biggie is the Lloyd's building in London, and more recently he designed the Channel 4 building, also in London.

He has an erratic memory and a tendency to ramble around a subject. But pin him down on one of his pet themes - the future of London, for example — and he shines.

- Dan Glaister

OR almost a decade Liz Sy-mons has been one of the brightest and best known names in the TUC, and at 45 she is still one of the

youngest. She leads the First Division Association, which looks after the Civil Service from senior ranks up to permanent secretary level. With 10,000 members the association is not large, but it has always been listened to

because of its membership. Ms Symons's flock consists of 20 per cent women. She is still waiting for the first woman permanent secretary. Her job gives her considerably more prominence than if she had stuck to a bill drafting team at the Environment Denartment. Her rise in the

She was educated at Putney high school and Girton, where she read history. Half-way through PhD research into the politics of pre-civil war Sussex, she abandoned academia for Whitehall.

labour movement began

when she joined the tax officials' union as a junior

— Keith Harper

Gummer", is starting to attract more attention than his beef-eating sibling. His life peerage neatly coin-cides with his move to the Royal Opera House, where he takes over as chairman next month. At a time of change, his profile will be

have been to Covent Garden almost once a week since the 1960s. Born in 1942, he studied

ber of quangos, the most controversial job being his position as head of the Arts Council's National Lottery Advisory Panel, which ad vised the Arts Council to give an initial £50 million

THINGS are changing in the Gummer family. Peter, for so long known as "brother of John Selwyn

He capped it with a joke about his late father, a Jamaican taxi driver who emigrated and played profeshigh. He is something of an opera nut, and claims to

at King's School, Rochester, and Selwyn College, Cambridge, before going He has worked on a num-

to the Royal Opera House for its redevelopment. His other unpaid job is to help dream up Tory advertising.

— Dan Glaister

| Peter Gummer | John Taylor | John Alderdice

HEN life gives you a lemon you make it into lemonade," the irrepressible barrister John Taylor said yesterday after hearing that he is to become the first black Conservative peer.

sional cricket for Warwickshire. 'It was always his ambition that I should go to Lords, albeit to play cricket." It has not always been so larky for the co-presenter of BBC2's The Street, practising London lawyer and former Home Office speech writer. When he was selected as Tory candidate for Cheltenham in 1991, a grassroots revolt erupted in favour of what some called "a local man" and against what others denounced as "a bloody nig-ger". He fought on, but the late Charles Irving's 4,896 majority

became a 1,668 lead for Liberal Democrat Nigel Jones. In the Lords, Mr Taylor will specialise in legal and broadcasting matters.

- Michael White

THE ALLIANCE Party of Northern Ireland has finally gained a voice at Westminster with the peer age granted to its leader, John Alderdice, today on the nomination of Paddy

He gains a steady third of the vote in his East Belfast constituency and his party a tenth of the vote in Northern Ireland — as much as Sinn Pein. He will speak in the Lords as leader of the Alliance Party on Northern Ireland and take the Lib eral Democrat whip on wider British issues.

Since taking over his party in 1987, aged 32, Dr Alderdice has been a passionate advocate of part-nership in Northern Ire-land and a critic of the "not an inch" mentality of unionists and nationalists. He gained a seat on the Northern Ireland Forum and has played a key role in the peace process. The son of a Presbyterian minister, he is the first Protestant to lead the Alliance since just after its inception in 1972. — Martin Linton

£1m deficit forces Grampian police to plead for extra cash to stave off insolvency

Erlend Clouston

THE police force which, among other things, guards the holidaying royal family and most oil and gas fields is only a few months away from insolvency.
The convener of the Gram-

pian joint police board warned yesterday that a pro-jected £1.1 million deficit would leave little or no money for the force's wage bill from January onwards.
Grampian, responsible for 3,500 square miles of northeast Scotland, including the Queen's Balmoral estate, is to appeal to the Scottish Office for help with the crisis, ironically compounded by the £500,000 cost of policing this year's Scottish Conservative conference in Aberdeen.

Jurgen Thomaneck, con-vener of the board, which cov-

ers the authorities of Aberdeen city, Aberdeenshire and Moray, blamed inadequate government funding for the shortfall Efforts to "highlight the situation" had been ignored, he said yesterday, after the Grampian chief constable Jen Oliver delivered. stable, Ian Oliver, delivered a

gloomy assessment of his force's condition. Grampian's £50 million budget for 1996/97 has already obliged Mr Oliver to impose cuts worth £2.3 million. The force is 30 short of its establishment figure of 1,178, and Mr Oliver warned that the expected retirement of 18

officers would "prejudice the whole operation of the force". In the past few months the budget has had to cope with a 3.5 per cent police pay award, the £127,650 cost of policing a new age travellers' convoy and the burden of protecting the Tory conference.

There is resentment that

the conference was classified as regional — and therefore a drain on local police funds — tish local government has put forward would be conrather than national, when made police finances particu-

lion of government funds for the Tory conference in Bournemouth in October. The reorganisation of Scot

The joint board is to ask the Scottish Office to meet at on protecting national figures. Dorset police will pendent boards which overtavellers and Conservative receive an additional £1.5 miles. pected events. The new inde-pendent boards which oversee the eight forces have not had time build up contingency funds.
The Scottish Office said any

points the Grampian board



How long will it be before Alan Shearer shares a stamp with the diminutive head of the Sovereign? Julian Critchley



A staggering one third of Britain's unemployed are under 25. is somebody not doing their job? To find out who's doing what and who's not, join us at our evening debate on 4th September in London SW1. Speakers include Peter Kittoyle MP, Tony Webb, CBI, Brendan Barber, TUC and Chair, Martin Bashir of BBC TV. For details, and to reserve your free seat, call Elaine Sedgwick on 0171 837 4299.



Major Buyoya seeks an end to the blockade in a shake-up to show serious reform of the Tutsi military | News in brief

Burundi strongman sacks army chiefs FBI expands

Chris McGreat

URUNDI'S military leader yesterday sought to win a relaxation of international sanctions and raise his credibility at home by dismissing three controversial senior military officers, in cluding the army chief of staff implicated in the assassination of the country's first

Major Pierre Buyoya also sacked the chief of the gendarmerie and the head of the presidential guard in a shake-up intended to convince his critics he is serious about reforming the largely Tutsi army responsible for whole-sale massacres of civilians in the war against Hutu rebels. But the shake-up is un-

Andrew Higgins In Hong Kong

HOUSANDS of battle-scarred students

scarred students clogged South Korea's

detention cells yesterday after riot police stormed the

campus stronghold of protest-

ers demanding that United States troops withdraw and the divided peninsula be

A frenzied dawn assault by

5,000 helmeted police backed by helicopters ended a week-

long occupation of Seoul's

Yonsei University, the focus

of the worst confrontation be-

tween students and the state

After battles that left part of

the university in flames and

engulfed the campus in clouds of tear gas and smoke,

more than 3,000 students were hauled away — bringing the

number detained in a week of

The assault, in which more

than 1,000 police and students ere injured, was a bloody showdown to what began as a peaceful three-day festival

calling for unification. The

authorities outlawed the eath-

march towards the heavily militarised border that has di-

rided the peninsula since the

Some 37,000 US troops help

South Korea guard the fron-tier, which lies only a short drive from Seoul and marks

the boundary between one of Asia's most successful econo-

mies and the continent's last doctrinaire Marxist regime. The government of Presi-dent Kim Young-sam, a vet-eran of past anti-government dissent, has branded the stu-dents as stores of North

dents as stooges of North Korea, an accusation often used by the former military rulers to stifle dissent.

Yesterday's assault came hours after students rejected

a government offer of surren-der in exchange for leniency. The protesters refused to move until the authorities

promised to lift all threats of

prosecution and guarantee a safe return home. It is illegal

in South Korea to side with the north in word or deed. Although the protests were initially organised by a small core of radicals, the passions of thousands of fellow stu-

dents were galvanised when

the government threatened to crack down hard. The stu-dents, exhausted after four days under police siege with

little sleep, food or water, hurled firebombs and rocks

and erected a barricade of flaming desks but were no

match for the riot squad.

1950-53 Korean war.

racy in the late 1980s.

clashes to about 5,500.

Seoul campus

occupation

down most of its trade, brought fuel rationing and left the country isolated. Nor ousted from office by Maj Buyoya that he is interested in ending the Tutsi monopoly

Maj Buyoya overthrew Bu-rundi's divided civilian government three weeks ago, promising to end the climate of impunity that has allowed the military to kill almost un-checked. Critics said then a crucial test would be his response to a United Nations report which concluded that senior army officers were responsible for the assassination of President Melchior Ndadaye three years ago, and for the subsequent slaughter of Hutus.
The report singled out the

Colonial relic

to bite dust

the national museum.

'correct distorted history'

years of floods have height-ened fears about Pyongyang's

counterproductive ferocity with which the authorities

any move towards reconcilia-tion with Pyongyang. Still technically at war, the two sides have had no official gov-

ernment contacts since the death of North Korea's "Great

Leader", Kim Il-sung, in 1994. Student protests, an often

violent ritual of South Korean politics, have enjoyed popular support in the past. But the end of military-backed rule with the election of Mr Kim

the Kwangju Massacre.

intentions. Such nervousne might explain the seemingly

responded to the unrest. The crackdown reflects Seoul's determination to fix

Burundi's neighbours to call | Jean Bikomagu, for particu-off a blockade which has shut | Iar criticism. Col Bikomagu was among those dismissed yesterday, but the army has yet to say whether he faces

> Maj Buyoya's spokesman, Jean-Luc Ndizeye, said the shake-up was to demonstrate that Burundi's new military leader is in control. But Maj Buyoya will also

have moved to reassure a strong extremist faction in the army that the dismissals are not the start of a purge or full-scale reform that could threaten the shape of the military. Much of the minority Tutsi population views the army as its sole guarantee of

Maj Buyoya will still look to yesterday's dismissals to back his pleas for Burundi's neighbours to lift a blockade - imposed to demand the restoration of constitutional

to end the bloody civil war which has proved more effective than was predicted. The defence minister, Fir-

min Sinzoyiheba, visited Uganda on Monday in an effort to have sanctions eased, after regional leaders tight-ened them with a ban on travel by Burundian officials and measures to restrict movement on Lake Tangan-

While small-scale smuggling continues to flourish, al-most no significant deliveries have crossed the Tanzanian border since sanctions were

imposed.
Crucial fuel deliveries have been cut, forcing the govern-ment to reduce the working day and introduce petrol rationing. Car queues at pet-rol pumps grow longer each day, the cost of transport has risen sharply and the prices

government and negotiations | of some essentials have

tripled. While Kenya and Uganda ensure no commercial flights reach Burundi's capital Bumore porous. But under strong pressure from regional powers, Rwanda, too, has blocked lorries from crossing the frontier.

Burundian officials have found the UN useful in bypassing the blockade. A UN chartered plane took the foreign minister out of the country 10 days ago, at the start of a visit to France and Belgium.

Beside the pressures of fuel shortages and rising prices, sanctions have contributed to a growing sense of isolation, especially in the cities that are home to the Tutsi elite. Butu rebels have added the pressure on the capital by restricting the flow of fresh

The sanctions are com pounding other financial pressures on Maj Buyoya. With crucial western aid suspended since March and tax revenues in sharp decline, he will struggle to find the funds to pay civil servants and the

army in the coming months. Emergency food and medi-cal supplies for Rwandan fugees in northern Burundi are still being delivered, but are likely to dry up too as the refugees flee home in the face of intimidation by Burundi's Tutsi soldiers. Hos-pitals which counted on foreign aid agencies to bypass the embargo, may receive no new medicines for the foreseeable future.

On Sunday, the UN special representative to Burundi, Mare Faguy, flew to Tanzania in an effort to get the block-ade eased for aid agencies, apparently without success.

global role

THE United States Federal Bureau of Investigation plans to nearly double the number of its agents abroad in the next four years by opening offices in a further 23 foreign cities. The move is in response to what the FBI claims is a dramatic expansion in international terrorism, organised crime and narcotics trafficking officing IN attaches ficking affecting US citizens. The plan will raise to 46 the number of foreign cities where

the FBI has a permanent presence. New locations include Alma Ata in Kazakhsian and Lima in Peru. The number of FBI special agents based abroad will rise from 70 to 129. Based at US embassies, they will work with foreign law enforcement agen-cies on criminal matters involving or affecting Americans. Some US diplomats and intelligence officials have suggested that the plan amounts to empire building and might detract from the agency's domestic crime fighting activities. The crit-

irom the agency's domestic crime-righting activities. The critics also fear that FBI agents overseas may stumble into US sples and drug enforcement officials doing similar work.

But FBI officials say the agency's work will be confined to forging closer alliances with law enforcement officials in countries Washington regards as present or future hotbeds of criminal activity. — Washington Post, Washington.

Budget cuts anger Aborigines

AUSTRALIA'S new conservative government yesterday unveiled a 1996/97 budget containing sweeping spending cuts despite continuing violent street protests.

Aborigines burnt an Australian flag in front of Canberra's Anorigines burnt an Australian flag in front of Canberra's parliament house as the treasurer, Peter Costello, declared his budget a historic opportunity to set Australia on the path to economic prosperity. Hundreds of Aborigines also staged railies in Brisbane and Adelaide against previously announced cuts to indigenous funding in the 1996/97 budget.

The Liberal-National government has slashed A\$3.9 billion. (62 billion) from hundreds of state programmes, but aboriginal affairs, universities and schemes to help the jobless have been worst hit. The cuts, many announced before the budget, have

affairs, universities and schemes to help the jobless have been worst hit. The cuts, many announced before the budget, have sparked widespread protests. — Reuter, Comberra.

India holds firm on test ban

THE United States and its allies denounced India after New Dehli THE United States and its allies denounced India after New Dehli yesterday prevented the nuclear test ban treaty from being adopted in Geneva. The countries have promised to bring the pact to the United Nations General Assembly for signature.

Pakistan also criticised the Indian ambassador, Arundhari Ghose, and expressed concern about India's "nuclear ambitions". In her speech yesterday, Ms Ghose confirmed that India was vetoing the formal adoption of the treaty by the Conference on Disarmament and blocking its transmission to the Un in New York. "Our opposition to that text continues," she said.

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New Delhi says the pact falls to commit nuclear powers to a firm timetable for total disarmement and fears that its sover-

eignty would be compromised.
The five nuclear powers — Britain, China, France, Russia and the US—were yesterday marshalling support to rescue the pact and send the text to New York for action via a special resolution, according to Western diplomats.—Reser. Geneva.

Bomb suspect passes lie test

THE Olympic bomb suspect Richard Jewell passed a lie detector test in which he denied involvement in the blast on July 27, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported yesterday.

Analysis demands the control of the newspaper that the results showed Mr. Jewell had nothing to do with the pipe-bomb that left two people dead and more than 100 injured at Atlanta's Centernial Park. "He didn't do it," said Dick Rackleff, a former

There's not any doubt in my mind. He had no knowledge about the bomb."

Mr Jewell, aged \$3, was hailed as a hero in the immediate aftermath of the bombing, but quickly became a suspect in the FBI's investigation. While working as a security guard at the mark he discovered the impressed that contained the nine bomb. park, he discovered the knapsack that contained the pipe-bomb and helped police clear the area.

On Monday, two new attorneys hired by the security guard said they were considering suing the FBI and the media over Mr Jewell's treatment since the attack. — Reuer, Atlanta.

1,000 troops exposed to sarin.

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THE Pantagon has admitted that up to 1,100 United States soldiers may have been exposed to sarin nerve gas when army engineers blew up at least seven tons of the Iraqi toxin at the end of the 1991 Gulf war.

New evidence compiled by the United Nations, the CIA and the army suggests that a much larger amount of the gas than first reported was spread by winds over a wider area in southern reported was spread by within over a winer area in southern iraq, where between 3,000 and 4,000 US soldiers were operating. In June, the Pentagon said that between 300 and 400 soldiers may have been exposed when members of the 37th Engineer Battalion used high explosives to destroy what the UN estimated were 100 sarin-filled rockets.

New information presented to the presidential advisory committee on Gulf war veterans' illnesses indicates that the army engineers destroyed 1,060 of the 122mm Katyusha rockets at the Khamisiyah munitions storage site. As well as the 150 soldiers from the 37th Engineers, thousands more were beneath a sarin-filled plume the CIA says stretched 15 miles. — Newsday,

Suu Kyi officials jailed

A PERSONAL assistant to the Burmese democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi and two other party members have been sentenced to seven years in prison by the military government, National League for Democracy (NLD) sources said yesterday.

According to the source, U Win Htein and two other party members, who were not identified, were sentenced last Friday. "They were charged for taking part in a video conspiracy fabricating the poor situation of the farmers," the source said. Win Htein, Ms Suu Kyi's assistant, was one of more than 250 party members arrested by the State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slorc) in a crackdown on democracy politicians before the party congress on May 26. — Reader, Rangoon.



A boy in Zenica rides past a pile of water melons for sale and a wall plastered with electoral propaganda for and a warr president or write execution at propagation rot Bosnia's first post-war national polls, due to take place on

Dutch towns take pot luck

reners and a former education minister. "The party was mis-erably defeated because the people did not like Jayala-litha. If we are able to remove Jayalaliffia, we are hopeful the people will support us." Ms Jayalaliffia said she had embarked on a similar task

AFTER decades of tolerating marijuana sales in local coffee shops, some Dutch towns have decided to move into the soft drugs business themselves. "My political enemies can't bear the thought of

business themselves.

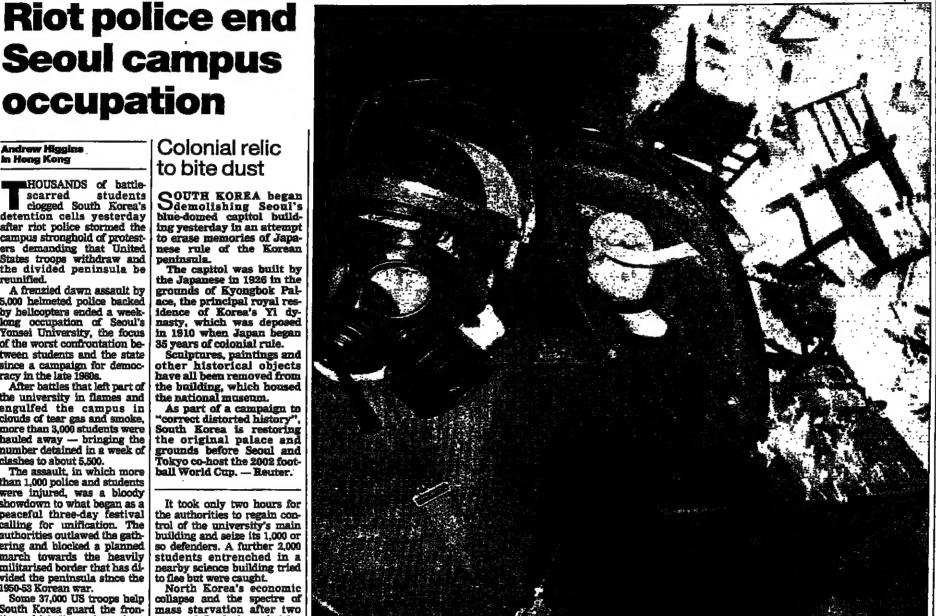
The council of Delfzijl, a harbour town on the north coast, is spending 500,000 guilders (£200,000) to open a soft drugs shop on September 1. It will be modelled on a similar project in the wealthy town of Bussum, outside Amsterdam.

"Of course we don't want people to use drugs, but that's not realistic . . . this is a healthier solution," a council spokeswoman, Marion Palzes, said vesterday.

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Deltziji's marijnana shop, run by a special foundation, will be called Paradox, a reference to the confusing drug policy that makes marijuana illegal but easily available.— AP, Netherlands.



A South Korean riot policeman shields himself from a burning barricade during the storming of Yonsel University

Tamil Nadu writes a new scenario for the premier who fell from grace

with the election of Mr kim in 1993 has left campus protesters increasingly isolated.

South Korea's former military strongman, Chun Doohwan, and his successor, Roh Tae-woo, are in jail awaiting the verdict of a trial for correction and treason. The HE has lost her kingdom ruption and treason. The and, facing corruption charges, is fighting for her liberty. Her closest allies have turned against her. But J. Jayalalitha, who until prosecution has demanded that Mr Chun be executed for his role in suppressing a prodemocracy protest in 1980, a crackdown remembered as recently ran the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu with an iron hand, is undaunted.

"All these charges are politically motivated, they have been foisted on me with the intent of discrediting me in the public eye," she said. "It's a clear political vendetta."

Formerly known as Amma (mother) or the Beacon of Progress, the former movie star, was chief minister for five years. Her rule collapsed at the May elections, to accusations of rampant corruption and violent repression of political opponents.

The new government estab-lished by M. Karunanidhi, a former screenwriter, has done little but comb the files for evidence to put Ms Jayalalitha and her cronies in jail. Three of her ministers are behind bars, one charged with conspiracy to commit murder, the others with milk-

ing welfare funds. So is Sasi-kala Natrajan, a confidant so close that Ms Jayalalitha Rebels in her All-India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazagham (AIADMK) party meet this week to try to oust her from the party throne. In power, she shunned the "The main plank of our press, but the scale of her de platform was to bring to book

feat in May — the party kept only four seats in the state assembly — has slightly humbled her, and she agreed to be interviewed by telephone. The fact that she has applied in advance for bail in case she is arrested on any of the corruntion, incume tay or the misdeeds of the past. That is why people voted for us. There is no witch-hunt." said Murasoli Maran, the federal industry minister, who plays a key role in state politics.

"Money allocated to combat the dark about what was happening all around me."

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the corruption, income tax or That is the worst kind of crime; it is systematic looting." foreign exchange charges banging over her did not mean she was afraid, she But V. S. Chandralekha, the opposition politician who began the anti-corruption

"It's not a question of being worried. Why should I suffer imprisonment for a palpable injustice? I'm not running

much power' J. Jayalalitha away, so does it mean

should go to prison to satisfy the sadistic impulses of Karunanidhi and company?" For its part, the state gov-ernment is wary of seeming to victimise Ms Jayalalitha, for fear of turning her into a martyr. It also acknowledges the difficulty of putting together a case showing that she spirited millions of pounds out of the country.

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crusade against Ms Jayala-liths, said the government

a conspiracy to keep me in the dark about what was hap-pening all around me." She held out little sympathy

for Ms Sasikala, who is

charged with violating for-eign exchange controls, from

whom she was once insepara-ble, and who is widely said to

have acted as her fixer.
"I don't want to discuss her.

I have gone on record saying I don't belong to any one indi-

vidual or any one family. The

people around me who were close to me, all failed me."

She added: "I would say good riddance."

Ms Jayalalitha has also bid adieu in the past two months to four leading members of her party who want to make her pay for the party's defeat.

"She abused power, no one in the party could interfere in her decision-making," said C. Aranganayagam, one of the

C. Aranganayagam, one of the rebels and a former education

was proceeding too slowly. She has filed four private cor-

ruption cases.
"Maybe politicians as a group don't want that kind of action. The refrain seems to be: she was punished by the people, let's leave it at that. The problem is, if people in high places get away then people will have no faith in

high places get away then people will have no faith in the system."

Ms Jayalalitha says trust in the system was her undoing. "Many of the ministers in my rary setback."

Derek Malcolm

reviews the latest film releases

every Thursday in

TheGuardian

Narcotics use soars among **US** teenagers

DRAMATIC increase Ain drug use by American teenagers was reported by the US department of health and human services yesterday — a rise of 78 per cent between 1992 and 1995.

In 1993-94 alone, there was a 33 per cent increase among 12- to 17-year-olds. That was the year President Bill Clinton cut the budget of the Office of National Drug Control Polimetrical Polimetrics of Statistics as maritimana related." In 1993-94 alone, there

National Drug Control Policy by 80 per cent.

The National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, involving 18,000 teenagers, found that drug use of all kinds had risen by 78 per cent sixes. We Characteristics of the control of the contro cent since Mr Clinton be-came president. In 1994-95 use of LSD rose 54 per cent and cocaine 166 per cent though fewer than 1 per cent of teenagers use co-caine. Marijuana use rose

Some experts believe people of the baby-boom generation are not sufficiently responsible parents to warn their children off

about drugs, since 57 per cent of them used drugs in the 1960s," said James Cop-ple, of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions.

Another report released yesterday, from the Drug Abuse Warning Network, showed a sharp rise in the number of people going to hospital casualty departments complaining of drug overdoses. Cocaine cases rose 19 per cent, beroin

brows - marijuana cases 96 per cent. Alan St Pierre, of the National Organisation to Reform the Marijuana Laws (Norml), dismissed this as "ridiculous".

"Less than 0.0001 per cent of emergency-room [casualty] visits show pa-tients complaining of marijuana use only. What hap-pens is that people arrive in

marijuana related." Senator Orrin Hatch, chairman of the judiciary committee, said: "The statistics confirm an upward spiral of drug abuse across the nation since President Clinton took office. This administration is letting down our young people." The White House blamed

the Republican Congress for slashing funds for the federal community-based drug programme from \$550 million (£365 million) to \$195 million.

"They cut the heart out of the one programme we had that was really working in drugs.

"We have a generation of parents who have a difficult people off drugs and keeptime talking to their kids ing them off," a spokesman

The presidential spokesman, Mike McCurry, added: "The one thing we can't do is to turn drug use among young people into a political football because that is the wrong message

But the Republican chal-lenger, Bob Dole, said: "This is nothing short of a national tragedy. Starting next January, I'm going to cases 58 per cent and — the make the drug war priority figure that has raised eye. No 1 once again."

mander-in-chief have all de-

Drug lord cites Fujimori aide

the allegations are in revenge for his part in jailing drug OVERNMENT officials in Peru have closed traffickers. Blanca Nelida, ranks behind one of who heads the prosecution President Alberto Fujimori's service, called the allegations closest advisers, accused by a a "lie" on television, saying former drug lord of taking pay-offs in return for informaaccusations from a person of El Vaticano's calibre should tion about anti-drug

operations. The drug trafficker, Deme-trio Châvez, known as "El Va-ticano", told a Lima court that he paid Vladimiro Montesinos, the strongman of the country's intelligence service and one of Mr Fujimori's most trusted aides, \$50,000 (£32,400) a month between June 1991 and August 1992.

ruling by Israel's high court reported yesterday by Ye-dioth Ahronoth newspaper. In return, Mr Chavez claimed, he was tipped off about army or police opera-tions in the jungle area where he operated with his own abstrip. peals against their detention last month. — Reuter.

This is the most serious alegation of drug trafficking links made against a member of the president's inner circle and has spurred top officials to defend Mr Montesinos

A former lawyer and retired army captain, Mr Montesinos is considered the *eminence grise* of the Fujimori administration.

The president also tacttly backed his adviser by praising the work of the intelligence service in capturing

drug traffickers. The chief of police, the

economy minister, the justice minister, the defence minister and the armed forces commuch". Henry Pease, a con-gress member, said the desperation of the government's defence of Mr Montesinos has convinced him that this is a corruption cover-up. The former presidential candidate and United Nations secretaryral Javier Pérez de Quellar has led calls for an investigation.

The opposition is not so

sure, suspecting that the gov-ernment "doth protest too

El Vaticano operated one of Peru's largest drug rings for some three years, before he was captured in Colombia in 1994. He was brought to Peru where, despite facing drug trafficking charges, he was submitted to a military tribunal, given an almost sum-mary trial and charged with treason for allegedly payments to the Maoist Shin-ing Path guerrillas.

At the time of his trial, op-position members complained his case had been hi-jacked to a military court to prevent him revealing the names of those who had protected his drug activities. is now being tried on drug trafficking charges in a civil court inside the prison.

Reagan's home on the range to fall under the hammer

RONALD REAGAN'S iso-lated California ranch there the Queen once ate refried beans - is up for sale. Mr Reagan, aged 86, suffers from Alzheimer's disease. His wife, Nancy, cares for him at their Bel-Air home

near Los Angeles and they no longer visit the ranch. The 680-acre Rancho del Cielo (farm in the aky) is 29 miles from Santa Barbara. Mr Reagan would spend weekends there during his presidency dressed in cowboy clothes.

During a rain-sodden visit

en was to have gone horse riding with the president there. But the weather meant that the ranch became a mud lunched indoors on Mexicar food she clearly did not

to California in 1983, the

The former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev also vis-Sotheby's International is nandling the sale, and is said to believe the price could reach \$6 million

(£3.8 million). "It depends on what the Reagan name is worth," one estate agent said.
The couple paid \$527,000 for the ranch in the 1970s



A scuba diver investigates a bust of Lenin at an underwater museum of communist monuments at the Russian Black Sea resort of Cape Tarkhankut. Divers created the display

Time runs out for Grozny

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tially horrific escalation of the battle for the Chechen capital Grozny, Russia's security council secretary, Genday cast fresh doubts over who is running Russia by ac-cusing unnamed forces of falsifying instructions from President Boris Yeltsin.

fled Grozny in the face of a leave-or-die ultimatum from the local Russian military press service denied for the artillery and rockets. second day running reports Gen Tikhomirov said last that the president was receiv-

Gen Lebed was said by Itar-Tass news agency to be plan-ning to fly to Grozny today to prevent the conflict escalating in the face of deflance by Russian field commanders. They appear to be set on reducing the city and any remaining civilians to ashes in an attack they say could

take a month. Last night the notoriously ruthless General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov returned to Chechenia to take command of federal forces from his dep-uty, General Konstantin Pulikovsky. On Monday Gen Pulikovsky warned civilians to leave Grozny within 48 hours or face unlimited warfare commander, Mr Yeltsin's from Russian troops, aircraft,

night he had no plans to can-

Gen Lebed's press spokes-man, Alexander Barkhatov, said yesterday: "Alexander Lebed has no connection with anything said or done by Pulikovsky

Yet Gen Lebed has suppos-edly been given full authority

over federal troops in Earlier, Mr Barkhatov agencies saying that contra-dictory instructions on Chechemia supposedly given to Gen Lebed by Mr Yeltsin on Monday had not actually been

signed by the president. The document bore only a fac-simile of his signature. The statement said the document "gave considerable grounds for doubt" that the Russian leader "personally took part in the final editing

on Monday by the president's press spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, ordered Gen Lebed to clear Growny of separatist forces, who took over the city on August 6. But they also ordered him to ensure all Russian forces were pulled out of the republic by Septem-

Mr Yastrzhembsky yester day dismissed Gen Lebed's doubts and denied a report on the Echo Moskvy radio station that Mr Yelisin was receiving urgent heart

The president has not been seen in public since his brief, wooden inauguration appear-ance on August 9, and televi-sion clips of him meeting officials have been rare. There

whereabouts, with some offi-cials saying he was in the Kremlin, others that he was at a dacha Yesterday, he was said to

have travelled to the resort of Valdai, north-west of Mos-cow, for two days "to see whether it would be possible to spend his latest holiday

If Gen Lebed's doubts about Mr Yeltsin's involvement in time. the Chechenia instructions "Gr are valid, it is hard to know who might be acting in the president's name.

The Russian leader's head of administration, Anatoly Chubais, is on holiday. His former bodyguard and confidant Alexander Korzhakov has been fired. His other close aide, Victor Ilyushin, has

The alleged instructions, | reports about his recent | ing to speculation that the detailed at a press conference | whereabouts, with some offi- | real reins of power are being ter, Viktor Chernomyrdin.

Russian helicopters dropped leaflets on Grozny yesterday, warning civilians to leave. Christopher Besse, the head of a British aid agency working in Chechenia, Merlin, said that he did not believe all civilians would be able to get out in

"Grozny is facing a whole sale slaughter of innocent ci-vilians who are trapped in a murderous crossfire between opposing armies," he said.

• A car bomb yesterday killed the finance minister of the southern Russian region of Dagestan, which borders Chechenia, Itar-Tass said. The explosion happened in

News in brief

four Lebanese

Israel snatched four Lebanese

residents from south Lebanon earlier this year and held them in Israel, according to a

the four unnamed men's ap-

Arthur Chaskalson, the president of South Africa's highest

court, was robbed in his Jo-

hannesburg home on Monday

night, police said yesterday. The intruders took his watch

and wallet, a stereo and video

machine before driving off in

Cuba demanded yesterday

that the United States hand

back four Cubans who hi-jacked planes to flee the

island, saying failure to do so could jeopardise existing im-migration accords between

the two countries. - Reuter.

Tropical storm Dolly reached

hurricane strength yesterday just before it reached Mexi-

co's Yucatan peninsula weather forecasters said

Dolly is expected to approach the Texas-Mexico border

Judge robbed

his car. - AP.

Hijack stand

Storm force

Israel seized

Belgians seek police advice in Europe

BLGIAN police launched an appeal for help to police forces throughout Europe yesterday following the revelations of child abduction, including the deaths of two eight-year-old girls, around the city of Chareroi in the south of the

The Belgian authorities ap proached British forces with experience of similar investigations and police in Germany, Holland and the Czech Republic, in calls co-ordinat-Gloucestershire police con-firmed that John Bennett, the

officer in charge of the in-quiry in the West case, had been approached for advice about excavating houses Police in Belgium have also stepped up the search for two ers. Ann Marchal, 19, and Eefje Lambrecks, 17, kid-napped near Ostend exactly a

year ago, amid speculation that they may still be alive,

David Hirst in Beirut

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Syrian newspapers said yesterday that Israel was preparing an "aggres-sion" against Syria "for

shich it only remains to set

It was Syria's clearest warning of possible war with Israel since Binyamin Netan-

yahu and his rightwing Likud

ame to power in Israel in

Ever since Mr Netanyahu was elected prime minister, Syria has repeatedly said he



Lelièvre: Abduction and imprisonment charges

Files on missing children. dating back to the disappear-ance of 10-year-old Nathalie Getjsbregts in 1991, have also There are fears that the two teenagers may have been smuggled abroad for prostitution and killed by their cap-

tors to evade discovery.

Last night police in the Czech Republic, where it has been suggested Ann and Eefje

Syria is the target of a cam-paign of threats and intimida-

tion intended to make it choose between a military

collision over Lebanon and a return to negotiations on Mr

Netanyahu's intransigent

This is now the standard Lebanese interpretation of Mr Netanyahu's "Lebanon first" proposal, under which Israel

would withdraw from south Lebanon in return for the dis-monthing of the Hizbullah mi-litia and its accompanying

The Damascus newspaper al-Thaurah said: "Netanyahu



Nihoul: Charged with

country. Sources there said that paedophiles in eastern Europe have cheaper options than satuggling children from

The Belgian police have been heavily criticised for falling to capture Marc Dutroux earlier. The 39-year-old builder and electrician is accused of abducting and sex-ually abusing girls and allow-

It made much of a commer

tary by a leading Israeli strat-egist, who wrote in the Israeli newspaper Haaretz last week:

"As long as the Netznyahu government intends to con-

tinue its present policy towards Syria, it must pre-

pare the Israeli army and citi-

ens for war in the not too

Al-Thaurah called on the

international community to "restrain Netanyahu before

he embarks on new adven-tures which will bring only

estruction and desolati





The children, Melissa Russo and Julie Lejeune, are believed to have lived for nine





charged as an accomplice

Last month the Syrian chief of staff, Hikmet Shehahi,

spoke of Syria's "military op

Beirut commentators note that the warnings voiced by

Mr Netanyahu, his ministers and army commanders are, as

a rule, not only more menac-ing in tone than those of the

previous Labour government but come almost daily, and are increasingly directed at Syria as well as Hizbullah.

On his first visit to the south Lebanon "security

zone". Mr Netanyahu said on Monday that recurring attacks on Israeli soldiers and

tion" against Israel.

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aggressiveness, as if he really | ready for any eventualities is preparing for an attack for | that Israel has in store for it."

months after their kidnap but died while Dutroux was in custody for four months last winter. They will be buried after what is likely to be al-most a state funeral in Liege Cathedral tomorrow. Dutroux, a known sex ofbut no longer in the country | might have been taken, de | ing the two eight-year-olds to | fender, and his lodger Michel | by him."

with abduction. Dutroux's wife Michele Martin was charged on Monday with being an accomplice. A fourth suspect, Brussels estate agent Jean-Michel Nihoul was for mally charged with criminal ssociation yesterday. As details of Dutroux's As details of Dutroux's The Israeli newspaper said background have been the high court had rejected revealed the profile of a sex

offender has begun to emerge. His estranged family, who have apparently not seen him for more than 20 years, said they had asked the authori-ties not to release him from prison in 1992 after he had served only three years of a 13 and a half year sentence for bduction and rape. Dutroux's mother Jeanine told a Flemish newspaper.

Just like the parents of Julie and Melissa I cannot under stand how they could have released him after what be-came clear in 1969." His sister Valerie said: "It was known that he was a sick

man. To me he is no longer human, I was scared to death

Syria warns that Netanyahu is intent on war

The defence minister. Yit zhak Mordechai, said last week: "All foreign forces need

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cause an escalation which would be "very painful for the

[but] the Syrians don't want to withdraw." He added that Lebanon "or anyone on its soil" would not "come out cleanly" from any attack on Israel or its Lebanese allies. srael or its Lebanese allies. This was seen in Beirut as

cessful test launch of its Arrow 2 anti-missile missile Israel Aircraft Industries

Actress inquest

The Los Angeles coroner's cology results suggesting that the actress Margaux Heming-way committed suicide by drug overdose, a local television station KNBC-TV reported. — AP. Universe U-turn

The reigning Miss Universe Venezuela's Alicia Machado, will be allowed to keep the title even if she remains a few pounds overweight, Venezue-lan beauty pageant officials

Politics without invective is as appealing as alcohol-free lager. or pleasure-free sex. Ignore those pious MPs who grumble that "negative campaigning" obscures the issues: they are talking hogwash. We need some below-the-belt political insults.

the date."

Francis Wheen G2 page 7

ace process by his rejection is furiously bringing grist to "land for peace". Now Detailed in mill of his escalation and

'I'm all for bringing back the birch. but only between consenting adults'

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Chasing the wrong target

Child prostitutes need protection, not punishment

is supposed to happen in Bankok, not Bradford. Like the Victorian era when child prostitution was rampant, modern Britain has been good at averting its gaze. Some readers may want to dismiss Maggie O'Kane's harrowing account of a child prostitute in today's paper as a one-off, an isolated criminal act not a deep-seated systemic problem. But her account coincides with the publication of a Barnardos report on the stark life of 45 child prostitutes in Bradford. Many were lured into the trade by young pimps but then forced to continue the practice. The Barnardos report follows last year's pioneering work by the Children's Society, which showed in a four-year period 1,500 young women under 18 were convicted of offences relating to prostitution and 1,800 cautioned. A 10-year-old was among those cautioned and four 12year-olds among those convicted.

No one knows how many child prostitutes there are in the UK, but child specialists believe it could be as high as 5,000. About 98,000 young people run away from home - or care - every year. Almost half are not reported missing. When the Children's Society opened Britain's first safe house for runaways in 1985, seven per cent of the 500 who used it said they had been involved in prostitution. They believed they had no other choice. Without money, food or shelter, selling sex was the one way they were able to survive. About 20 per cent were already victims of sexual abuse. Yet instead of being seen as victims requiring protection. far too many are still treated as criminals in need of punishment.

Our current double standards in dealing with the problem might even make the Victorians blush. Any man who tried to have sex with an under-aged child in his house could expect to be investigated by police and social ser-

CHILD prostitution is something which | vices. But if he goes down the road and pays £20 to a child prostitute, he will be relatively immune. Like the officers interviewed yesterday on the BBC's Today programme, the police excuse clients on the grounds the girls looked older than their true age. There are further contradictions: a 15-year-old is too young to have sex lawfully, but can be prosecuted for offering it. Regrettably, when campaigners ask "A man has sex with a 12-year-old prostitute — who should pay for it?" the current answer is, not the pimp or the client. They both get away with far too much. Moreover, it is worth noting the seeming "respectability" of many of the clients, who in Bradford were reported by Barnardos to have jobs, nice cars and who go home to wives and families. They would be shocked to be given

their proper label: paedophiles. What should be done? More facts are needed. Barnardos wants a parliamentary working party on child prostitution. Here would be a chance for the Home Affairs select committee to rehabilitate itself after its pathetic report on gun control. The police and social services need to pay more heed to the 1989 Children Act, under which they have a duty to protect those under 18 from "significant harm". It is pimps and clients who should be prosecuted, not child prostitutes. The Children's Society is right to be campaigning for the decriminalisation of child prostitution. They need protection, not punishment. It is no use ministers insisting, as they do, on parents taking more interest in their children: many of the children who end up as child prostitutes are already in care. We need more help for the single homeless, more special housing projects, plus the restoration of benefits to 17-year-olds. Above all, we need to re-educate men: having sex with children is wrong. Paying for it doesn't excuse it or make it proper.

How to scale the Korean Wall

Harsh measures against the students are an anachronism

THE SIGHT of riot police doing pitched | they are not just being "duped by northbattle with thousands of students at ern agents." Student protest may no Yonsei University does not mesh easily with South Korea's international image. In the age of Asian tigers, Seoul | the struggle for democracy. But it does is committed to the goal of segyehwa globalisation — and the building of a "borderless world". Yet the problem of the North-South border only a few the ambiguities of official policy dozen miles from Seoul continues to dominate its politics. Last week's national day address by President Kim Young-sam was entirely devoted to the theme of division. South Korea might have become the world's 11th largest economy, he said, and be able to win medals in Atlanta. Yet the Korean miracle would remain incomplete until the whole country could be reunited, creating a nation that "stands tall at the centre of the world". These are fine sentiments, but does Seoul really wish to see the barriers along the 38th parallel - the Berlin Wall of Asia - fall and the country become one?

The students at Yonsei University have also been arguing in favour of unification, but they do not believe that the government has any serious intention of bridging the gap with the North. Mr Kim has accused them of putting Pyongyang's case for it and says they are a threat to national security. With the north beset by economic decline. floods and near-famine, and probably by internal dissension too, this may seem a strange moment for the students

longer attract the popular support which it once did in the 1980s during express, in an extreme form, the sense of national incompleteness felt by many Koreans, and it focuses attention upon

towards the North. Mr Kim spoke last week of the need for peaceful cooperation with the North and a "practical" solution to the problem of division. Yet on Monday the South's armed forces launched a set of war games based on the unlikely theory that the North's difficulties may lead Pyongyang to attack the South whether openly or by terrorism. Also on Monday, the South Korean novelist Kim Hah-ki was arrested for breaking the South's national security law which bans all unauthorised contacts with the North. This was a Kafkaesque conclusion to a bizarre episode in which Mr Kim crossed into the North, apparently under the influence of alcohol, and was returned by Pyongyang after apologising for his "grave crime."

The task now - admittedly a difficult one - should be to build new bridges to the North. Berlin is the wrong model: the last thing which President Kim wants is northern chaos and millions of refugees heading south. Harsh action against the students and anyone seeking contact is now an anachronism to choose. But the arrest so far this which sends entirely the wrong signal week of 5,500 protestors suggests that to the shaky regime in Pyongyang.

For services to the Tory party

How do new Lords Saatchi and Gummer enrich the House?

to have Richard Rogers in the Lords; we service have they done or will they do need people there who can talk cogently to the state that makes them right for and from experience about the built seats in the Lords? We know what environment. Also the sassy Liz Symons from the First Division Association of civil servants. And if few have heard of Meta Ramsey — a John Smith discovery - that could soon change. The bleak record of her career - HM Diplomatic Service 1969-91 — disguises the fact that she served in MI6 and was once tipped to head it. John Taylor, unacceptable to too many Cheltenham Tories four years ago because he wasn't local (ie he was black) gets some recompense for failing to win the seat at that election; disturbing, though, if he is taking the ermine because he no longer expects nomination for a winnable

But on what test precisely do Maurice Saatchi, leading adman, and Peter Gummer, leading PR man and brother tion. Or for John Major's.

THE better things first it will be good of the more famous John, qualify? What service they have done to the Tory Party, thank you: Maurice Saatchi goes all the way back to Britain Isn't Working, and with Gummer and Sir Tim Bell, all the way forward to New Labour, New Danger, and staring satanic eyes. As they're to be working peers, no one has to pretend they have been chosen in the national interest; which is just as well, since they'd only pass that test for those who equate the national interest with the Tory interest. But how very convenient, to be able to reward those who do your party's work sometimes its dirty work — with a seat in the Lords! It isn't the first time: some of Harold Wilson's choices fell into this category. But this sort of thing doesn't do much for the House's reputa-



Letters to the Editor

Hawks, doves and morality

OMMENTING on One World Week's decision to focus their education pack on our act of disarming a Hawk aircraft destined for Indone-sia, the children's work officer for the Church of England Board of Education says: "We need to teach children and young people that the law is not to be broken in any circumstances" (Church scheme under fire, August 17). In acquitting us, the jury

accepted our argument that we had not broken the law as we had lawful excuse for our actions. However, I am con-cerned at the Church's attitude that the law is not to be broken in any circumstances.

Can I assume that the Church condemned civilrights activists breaking seg-regation laws in the Ameri-can South? What about men in Germany who were shot for refusing to join the army under the Nazis — they were

also breaking the law.
Surely the Church's main concern should be morality; just because something is legal, it is not necessarily moral. Slavery was once — would the Church oppose it?

For me, the most fundamen tal Christian teaching, which must be upheld above all others, is "Thou shalt not kill." In trying to prevent the delivery of a lethal weapon to a genocidal regime we were upholding that most basic tenet and our action was therefore fully compatible with Christian teachings. Andrea Needha Seeds of Hope/East Timor

1 Horne Street, Liverpool L6 5EH.

Money and the monarch Sir Frederick's apron strings

OUR article about the royal finances (Survival plan for monarchy, August 20) rightly stresses that the return of the Crown Estate to the monarch would give him or her financial in-dependence from the Govern-

ment and the people.
In fact, the Crown Estate
was never the private wealth of the sovereign. Until an Act of Parliament in 1800 it was expressly forbidden for the monarch to own land pri-vately. The minor revenues the estates produced went to the government. They yielded so little because they were usually let out at incredibly low rents by prime ministers, like Sir Robert Walpole, to their parliamentary supporters in return for voting for the government.

Files at the Public Record Office show that privately the Treasury has long since believed that the monarch has no more real right to the Crown Estate's profits than to revenues of Customs and Excise, also part of the hereditary revenues surrendered in 1760.

With these revenues the the non-military part of government. If the bereditary revenues were reclaimed by overian predecessors, would also have to foot the bill for the civilian side of government.
This is obviously a non-

starter. In a constitutional monarchy there can be no such return to the royal fiancial arrangements of 1760. Phillip Hall. Author, Royal Fortune: Tax, Money and the Monarchy. London W11.

THAT the Queen is ready to give up approximately \$10 million a year from the Civil List ought to be welcome news to the taxpayer. A Guy Linley-Adams. number of once-noble fam-ilies live satisfactorily on the income generated by farming their great estates and by opening them up for tourism. The Queen has made some headway here by charging people a great deal of money to amble through sections of Buckingham Palace. This is a sound business venture and were it extended to other cas-ties and palaces, the royal family would become self-suficient and no longer a charge

But Her Majesty has let it be known that she will gra-ciously accept £95 million in-come from the Crown Estate instead. How charming of the royals to have worked out a system that actually increases their wealth at a time when everyone else is looking for savings to be made. John Thatcher. 184 Binley Road

on the rest of this.

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WOUR editorial (A monarchy in trouble, August 20)

Castigates politicians for the iout the motives surroun ing the proposed returning of to the future of the monarchy the Crown Estate, including yet falls into the same trap so much of the seabed and coastline of the UK to private and somewhat greedy, owner ship. More annoying is the concept that "commons", such es seabed and coastline, were owned legitimately by the royal family before the Crown Estate existed. Who did they buy them from, for how much and was the transaction freely entered into?

My late grandmother was born in Dyrham Park, Avon, now owned for the public by | Somerset TA4 2RZ.

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THEJOUT

ROGER -

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Marston Stannett,

Risbury, Leominster

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HERE were two symbolic acts that help promote dominance in society. The

first is the law of primogeni-

ture and the second, the pro-

cedure within the ceremony

of marriage where a man (usually the bride's father)

gives away a woman (the bride) to another man (the groom) as though a

ossession. Now that Buckingham Pal-

ace appears to giving a lead perhaps Lambeth Palace may

wish to join in with this cur-rent establishment enthusi-

asm for ensuring that the

itself. A hereditary monarchy

is indefensible under a demo-

mate reform of the monarchy

is its abolition, and the debate should not be distorted by

emotive talk of "1,000 years of

(Return from the far side, Review, August 16) should be

having second thoughts on the matter. In 1971, guitarist Jeremy Spencer, claiming

that he was "just popping out for some groceries," joined

the Children of God religious cult in Los Angeles and wasn't seen again for two

years. Fiona Hills, 58a North Hill,

history". Matthew Burchell.

God shop

Combe Davey, Brompton Ralph,

status of women is equal.

Adrian Lewis.

21 Paxton Road,

London W4 2QT

T HAS been stated that Sir Frederick Crawford's mem-bership of the Masons would have been "common knowl-edge" before his appointment as chairman of the Criminal Cases Review Authority. As one involved with the

committee making his earlier appointment to Aston University, I can affirm that his ma-sonic connections were not known to me, nor, I suspect. to most of the committee.
In his defence it should be stated that his membership

did not appear to have a dis-carnible effect on his policy as vice-chancellor, but, as a non-mason, I would not have noticed, would I? SE Hunt Professor Emeritus.

University of Aston. 8 Rock Hill Road, Christchurch Dorset BH23 4DZ.

ALL miscarriages of justice contain masonic connections. Masons will probably be among the trial judge and appeal judges. They will be among the lawyers preparing the case and the prosecuting team. The police investigators ill certaini

Michal Higham (Please could you stop picking on us Masons, August 17) writes, "Sir Frederick will know that cratic system, regardless of "Sir Frederick will know that what powers are granted to the monarch. The only legitithere is a minimal perception that Freemasonry might be involved, he must declare an interest and withdraw." Sir Frederick will be required to withdraw in every case, John Thompson.

29 West Street, Newport NP9 4DD.

As A long-standing Freema-son and reader of your newspaper, I am saddened by your "elite Mason" headlines. Not only are you banging the same old conspiracy theory drum but the ritual you you quote is factually inservents. MOST women are de-lighted when their part-ners undertake a super-market food-shopping trip. But those of us who have read the history of Fleetwood Mac quote is factually inaccurate. In the Holy Royal Arch, lodges are known as chapters and brothers as companions. It is quite astonishing that you should make such an error of fact when I'm sure that some of your staff who

are Freemasons would have put you right. E H Shepherd. 19 Moore Avenue. Thetwall, Warrington, Cheshire WA4 2JN.

MAY I suggest that the eas-tiest way to avoid ap-pointing a Freemason to chair a public body is to appoint a woman?

The Bookcase, In-Shops Shopping Centre, Chester-le-Street. Co Durham DH8 3AY.

Picture show

WHO else sees the pur-chase of the painting by Guercino for 22 million for the National Galleries of Scotland as yet another contemptible misuse of public funds (Last ditch pledge rescues painting, August 16)? Such action arises from a

ruinous Cartesian way of see-ing, which exerts a strangle-hold throughout society. This ideology splits reason/the senses, form/function, art-/life etc. It promotes a stulti-fying art-for-art's-sake aestheticism, which divorces art from its socio-cultural, ideological context. It also bars de-velopment of a framework for judging. on inter-subjective, testable grounds, the real cre-

ative worth of our artefacts. When education, health and the environment are starved of cash, where is this lunatic acquisitiveness going to stop? Like an Easter Island proliferation of false gods, it is a vi-cious circle which will, unless checked, denude and bankrupt us all.

David Rodway 11 Cumberland Street, London SW1V 4LS.

WHILE I agree with the general thrust of Roy Greenslade's article about a decline in broadsheet journal ism because it mixes fact and fiction (Feeling a little off-colour, Media, August 19), he himself has fallen into the same trap.

Contrary to Greenslade's insinuation about the Jinnah film, the finance is in place and pre-production has begun. I am not the producer, but the co-producer and co-Greenslade is sarcastic

about my "high-minded" attempt to re-evaluate Mr Jinnah in an attempt to further understanding between Islam and the West. This is my field and I have written over 20 books on the subject. Akbar Ahmed. Fellow, Selwyn College. Cambridge CB3 9DQ.

CRIMINAL!

A crisis of identity

WHY not let us choose which flags we want on each of our identity cards (Major to settle identity card row, August 19)? A three-tier system of up to three flags would enable an individual to identify, or not, with the European Union, the United Kingdom and/or its constituent nations. For example, a Scottish Nationalist Europhile would select the flags of St Andrew and the EU stars,

the English to differentiate between England, or Enger-land, and the United Kingdom. Finally, it would provide an accurate and constant demographic test as to the strength of the British and European Unions in the feelings and beliefs of its

people.

"But why have flags on it at all?" says my missus. I agree.
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omitting the Union Jack. This would also encourage

New light on old stones

resurrect the damaging "grey route" at Stonehenge (August 16) underlines the need for dehate on greater legal protec-tion for such Unesco-designated world heritage sites. It is startling to realise that quarrying was allowed until relatively recently at Hadri-an's Wall, while an intrusive road-bridge near the 200-yearold ironbridge was only pre-vented at the 11th hour by the

then Environment Secretary. Perhaps we need a Euro-pean legal framework in which Stonehenge and the other 13 UK sites would enjoy special protection linked to European Union funding

Local authorities are alrecoup the outlay ready in partnership with English Heritage developing next millennium. comprehensive management plans at some world heritage

SPECULATION that the clearer view from government on the significance of our UP on the significance of our UK sites, backed by a willingness to protect them from inappropriate development (Clir) Philip Davis. Chair, UK Local Authorities

World Heritage Sites Forum PO Box 213, Telford TF3 4LD. NSTEAD of a bogus memo-rial in a capital city stuffed full of genuine monuments, let our millennial celebration be the restoration of Stonehenge to its splendid isolation by means of the tunnel by-pass.

200 million is a small price to the transfer to restoration by the stonehenge to the tunnel by-pass. pay to rescue the world's most famous stone circle, and 1,500,000 visitors a year paying £3 each for admission would recoup the outlay in just over 44 years, a tiny fraction of the Tony Walton.

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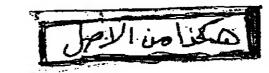
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the river through the willow ground and the alder carr in the southern woods was lined on both sides by an impene-trable green wall of Himalayan Balsam. Reaching a height of seven feet in places it was an imposing sight with row upon row of stout, thockribbed stems and a dazzling array of colours from the large helmet-shaped flowers
— whites, reds and purples. Each plant was thronged by small bees which would disappear into the head of a flower, attracted by the nectar held in a short, thin spur, and re-appear coated white with pollen dust. I was nearly at the end of this balsam "tunnel" when a much larger flying insect approached to investigate; a southern hawker. This large assima dragonily, well known for its inquisitive and approachable nature, hovered in front of me then turned and flew back down the path. It did this several times as I continued walking,

CHESHIRE: The path along always hesitating long enough for me to make out the conspicuous green markings on its thorax and abdomen. Later on, over the small reservoir above the mill. I watched a better-known member of the same family - the brown hawker, complete with its diagnostic brown, wing markings. This was a female, clasped to the exposed stem of submerged plant, with body arched and obviously busy laying her eggs. Out of the woodland, on to the edge of the valley, the flowering brambles were alive with butterflies — peacocks, small tortoishells, comma, holly blue and especially painted ladys. The unpainted lady invasion in early June had produced a new generation. There were hundreds on the brambles and every purple-flowered knapweed seemed to have its feeding butterfly. They were all in superbly fresh condition — the "paint" was hardly

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Matthew Norman

HE world of newspapers welcomes a new and vastly prolific correspondent. He is David-John Collins, and his name appears ever more frequently (in this paper and the Independent) above an address in Tunbridge Wells — aprily so, since he is always disgusted by all who disagree with the Labour leadership. Yesterday's Guardian letter was one of five (it would be too cynical to muse on orchestration) attacking Roy Hattersley for beastliness to Mandy Mandelson, of whom he wrote: "Labour is extremely fortunate to have someone of his ability, dedication and integrity ... "Indeed. Other recent letters from New Disgusted, New Tunbridge contain near identical attacks on oppo-nents of welfare reform, and of Jack Straw's toddler curiew. But who can he be, this tough old bruiser? A disaffected Tory? A reformed Bennite? A victim, perhaps, of Militant? Not quite. Would you believe it, it's a New Labour weeniel Barely 22, and fresh from university. Deciay is a Commons researcher for Coventry MP Jim Cunningham . . . and although it won't have crossed his mind, much

N OK! magazine, Brandreth's Brainstorm moves on to a new plain of obtuseness. What, asks the MP for Chester, do TV stars Anneka Rice, Jasper Carrott, and Sean Bean have in common? Thinking caps off, Gyles! But here's one for you. Which of your fellow Tory MPs is justly regarded as your intellec-tual equal? (See below.)

more of this and he'll be tal-ent-spotted by Mandy. We

will be watching his career with immense interest.

March

ES, that's right, it's Dame Jill Knight!!! With her victory over a handgun ban fresh in the mind, we turn to About The House, the Edgbaston MP's political memoirs. A woman of myriad talents (her technical mastery of embry ology is fabled), it is her antennae which will most intrigue the public. We begin with recollections from her first days at Westminster in 1966. "In those days," writes Dame Jill, "it was possible for me to park my car outside, and give the Night Porter a sixpence to put in the parking meter at half past eight in the morn-ing." How riveting . . . but, was assured of legitimate parking up to 8.45am, by which time I needed to be of anyway . . . "Enough ezcitement for one day, Next

N the Daily Mail, the need for any constitutional relaunch of the monarchy has been dis-missed in splendid style by no less an expert than sane and rational Paul Johnson himself. "Yes, Her Majesty has indeed seen the article," said a source close to the Queen yesterday. "and has taken note of Mr Johnson's argument. Accordingly, the relaunch has now been made a matter of even greater urgency . . . "

time, we hear how Dame

of her Lembeth house.

Jill coped when she once got a key stuck in the front door

RAISE for Harold Brooks-Baker's Burke's Peerage World Book of . . . service continues to remind us of other mailing triumphs. Yesterday it was the motor manufacturer's mail shot (a Mr P Charles of Buckingham Palace was invited to "impress your neighbours" with a brand new Rover); today, we go back to just before the last general election, and a drive to recruit old-age pensioners. "Now that your working life is over, now that you have time on your hands, you might think of beginning to take an interest in the Conservative party . . ." said a leaflet delivered to a Mr and Mrs D Thatcher of Dulwich.

OR chunky chums such as armed forces minister Fatty Soames and poor old Fatty Cheetham of publishers Orion, a glimmer of hope comes from Houston, Texas. Pastor Terry Miller has devised a divine weight-loss programme, in which God — having been thanked for "the victories ahead" at the start of each session — is called upon to be with us when we face that refrigerator".



Royal role for the Prince of Darkness

Commentary Catherine Bennett

OR the dedicated republican, this coun-try's remarkable advances in academic ex-cellence are a source of constant anxiety. With so many brainy people about, is there not a danger that, sooner or later, the royal family might run into one of them? Who knows but that one day, some beady young meritocrat may not be taken pleases no one, and veres alon the palace staff, even given an opportunity to advise the Windsors on public relations? The antics of the Way Ahead group suggest that such fears are, so far, un-founded. The Windsors prefer to make DIY improvements. Their survival-committee may sound like a radical splinter-group, dedicated to the modish occupation of thinking the unthinkable, but in composition it turns out to be no more than a family gettogether, supplemented by a handful of old favourites. The

Scots Guards), much ac- never willingly abandon it." claimed for the common So, how could the public be touch. The demotic skills of mollified? What kind of sops Robin Janvrin were honed at would simultaneously placate the Foreign Office, while the principal asset of Commander Richard Aylard, the youngest and lowliest-born of the four, is his "navy background".

We are indebted to the
Times for the information
that "the Duke of Edinburgh The current scheme is ma-jestically deficient in virtually every respect. For royalists, it gives too much away.

is said to be a particularly active participant" in Way Ahead discussions. Prince Anead discussions, Frince Charles, however, is said to have set the agenda. This explains a lot. With the Duke of Edinburgh at the helm, Prince Charles doing the thinking, and Prince Roward advising on media-awareness, it is understandable that the most everybody. With the accuracy we have come to ex-pect, the royal family has taken careful aim, and shot itself unerringly in the foot. The group's goal, by all ac-counts, was preservation of the monarchy. In 1992, amid public disenchantment over tardy tax-paying and serial

tate instead of the civil list is plainly a racket, a ruse, or as the Sun neatly put it, "Queen's £94m jackpot". This was all quite unnecesmarital catastrophes, the House of Windsor set about securing its future. Resigna-tion, and a retreat into landed sary. Neither political party threatens the well-being of obscurity were probably not considered. As Burke said, "those who have been once the monarchy, indeed the handful of old favourites. The "those who have been once labour front bench will flay how a British republic might work in secrecy, so much the Earl of Airlie (Eton, the Scots intoxicated with power, and Guards) is not, I think, known have derived any kind of that all is not for the best in for his radicalism, nor is Sir emolument from it, even this best of all possible royal favourite for president. The upon magic." The Prince of Robert Fellowes (Eton, the barking and the intractity, inheat the labour front bench will flay how a British republic might work in secrecy, so much the work in secrecy, so much the work in secrecy, so much the public in daylight work. As ubsequent readers, wanters of the public exploration continues. If the Darkness would see to that.

baying for reform. Most saloon bars do not ring with challenges to the 1701 Act of Settlement, or lively debates about primogeniture. What people really talk about, when they talk about the royal family, is the breathering port. ily, is the breathtaking prat-tishness of the middling For this opprobrium, the

royal family again has itself to blame. Even after the pro-liferation of smutty tapes and kiss-and-tell memoirs, many loyalists did not really believe the stories of royal adultery until they were confirmed, voluntarily, by the protago-nists. If the Way Ahead committee had only been bright enough to demand a period of decent reticence, all could still have been forgiven. A decision to keep mum and lie doggo would also have frustrated Britain's wee band

of republicans. This hardly

menacing alliance of middle

class pressure groups and one

newspaper may be fluent on

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Windsors

the offences of the monarchy but invariably flounders when asked what should fill the conspicuous vacuum it would leave behind. Even the Independent on Sunday, when it bravely declared it-self for "the final triumph of the people", could only con-clude, somewhat lamely, that we shall try to take the debate further and to explore how a British republic might

able.
In 1992, I had the good fortune to find Mr Mandelson watching a television report on the end of the Yorks' marriage. Amid the general saiggering, he asked, with a catch in his voice, "Am I the only one who feels sympathy for them?" Later that year he said that Andrew Morton's (accurate) book about Prin-(accurate) book about Prin-cess Diana showed there were "no longer any boundaries be-tween fact and fiction in royal reporting". In 1994, he offered to refit the royal yacht in Hartlepool, adding, "Tve discussed this personally with Her Majesty the Queen." More recently, he denounced criticism of Prince Charles as

If there are any lingering doubts, the Windsors should consult a newspaper article called Let A New Image Rise From The Ashes, in which Mandelson all but voluntered for the post of Prince Charles's spin doctor. "An elementary grasp of media relations must be part and parcel of the activities of a high nm. of the activities of a high-pro-file advocate of change," he cautioned. "Remember the way in which his weighty speech on French architecture was overshadowed by some silly remarks about cheese?" With Mandelson shaping the Way Ahead, there could be no such confusion. The cheese would be cleared away. And if, as his detractors say, Mandelson prefers to

Way Ahead debacle achieves nothing else, it will surely convince the royal family of the need for professional help. There can be only one candidate: Peter Mandelson. Traditional courtiers might feel threatened by his associations with what used to be the Labour Party, but they will discover that his record as a monarchist is unimpeachable.

David McKie

witness the death of the footnote. Despite its many years of useful and versatile service, publishers in the United States are turn-"objectionable". If there are any lingering ing against it. Yet if footnotes disappear, authors will no longer be forced to state their sources, enabling others to check and challenge them. We need an organisation, called perhaps The Friends of the Footnote, to save this unique and valuable art-form from extinction. Footnotes:

I am indebted for my information on the threat to the footnote to the foreign desk of the Guardian, which spotted a piece about it in the New York Times News Service.

The origins of the footnote are unknown. The New York Times thinks it started with academic critics of Descartes, one of whom, the philosopher Pierre Bayle, published an en-cyclopaedia in 1697 bursting

not just with footnotes but with footnotes of footnotes.

Though footnotes are most extensively deployed in aca-demic works, they also appear in less predictable contexts. The nowadays largely unread Victorian novelist Edward Bulwer Lytton, for instance, peppered his historical adven-tures with footnotes designed to ward off attacks by real historians who treated such stuff with disdain. Thus in The Last Of The Barons, the mention of an arras is immediately buttressed by a foot-note arguing that the histo-rian Hallam, who had among the worst in the world reign of Edward IV, was in serious error, (For an instruc-tive account of the use of whirlicotes in Britain before the reign of Richard II, see the footnote on page 427, op cit.) A recently published American single footnote in The History novel, Imfinite Jest by David of Northumberland by John Foster Wallace, has 388 foot Hodgson, published in 1840. notes spanning 96 pages. Footnotes in poems are rarer. but the otherwise deservedly

> notes. The campaign against footnotes, the New York Times suggests, gains much of its impetus from marketing people. "A lot of our authors are aiming at the general reader," Jennifer Snodgress. marketing director of the Harvard University Press, is the Friends of the Footnote, I quoted as saying, "and our marketing department tells us the line at items like that.

ward Edwin Foots rarely

launched a poem without an

accompanying flotilla of foot-

that footnotes scare off people." Though full of appeal for pedants, this kind of academic undergrowth is "oti-ose", as Roy Jenkins would say, to the general reader. Does one detect the hands of focus groups here?
The possible disappearance

of a whole unique art form is perhaps the most serious cultural danger of all. Like bats in caves, there are words which nowadays live almost entirely in the semi-darkness of footnotes. *Ibid* (short for *Ibidem*) is one, denoting a reference to a work already quoted, a function also performed by op cit (work cited) and its cousin loc cit (much the same). Passim (throughout) is another favourite.

The most lethal, however, is pace, a device used for putting conclusions contrary to one's own. For example: "as was long ago established, by rigorous investigation, night fol lows day - pace Hessenth-aler, who astonishingly in his Henry \II and the Genesis of Blur appears to believe that day follows night."

It cannot be said too strongly that one of the princlpal functions of footnotes is to do down one's academic competitors. Vicious battles are fought in death-dealing small print on these rarefied pages The wounds are often most savage when the language implies little more than a raising of eyebrows. "It will perhaps, surprise admirers of Mr Fester to find him asserting..."
"Plunge in the poniard po-litely": that is the watchword.

Footnotes to footnotes: " Authors love to express in-debtedness in their foomotes. though only for minor discoveries; the big ones are all their own. They hope it gives the impression of scholarly generosity, though it's often a form of penance. Be wary, for instance, of the academic who says: "I owe this aperçu to my student, Geoffrey Tiddles." This usually means that Tidpublicly questioned whether dles, who has come to the such things existed in the university for quite other purposes has been wheedled/ poses, has been wheedled/ pressurised/blackmailed by his tutor to carry out his more

7 Even Wallace's efforts, how-

ever, are puny compared to a

which according to the New

York Times ran for 165 pages.
See also my "Taking the doggerel for a long walk" (Guardian, July 24)... One huge temptation of footnotes, rarely resisted, is the chance they offer an author to recom-mend all his other works on this and related subjects.

One of Foot's poems begins: The captain scans the ruffled zone¹..." The footnote explains: "¹ A figurative expression, intended by the author to signify the horizon." Even

Julian Critchley urges modest reforms to secure the monarchy, while above, Catherine Bennett thinks the royals need a spin-doctor to save them from themselves

Those of a mystic turn object that the severance of crown

from Church would wantonly

which surrounds each insti-tution, and rapidly de-hallow

both.
To radicals, the proposals are patently inadequate and self-serving. In exchange for

modest modernisation, the Windsors believe they can

retain all that is most undem-

ocratic and unjustifed: su-

preme constitutional powers,

claimed by accident of birth. As for the Queen's subjects,

they now know what most did

not know before: that much of

her "personal" wealth is not

really hers, but ours. The pro-posal to live off the crown es-

destroy the aura of sanctit

Tricks of the trade

NTIL I saw Tony Benn on the telly the other night I thought Charles Dilke to be the last prominent politician to be a republican. It was, of course Tony Benn (there was more to his name in those days) who, as Postmaster General in the first Wilson government, changed our postage stamps. As one gaudy other we have become the Tanu Tuvo of the developed world. How long will it be before Alan Shearer shares a stamp with the diminutive head of the sovereign? Perhaps Clem Attlee was right when he remarked that any Labour MP who expressed republican views was "a

lightweight". I suppose it is extraordinary that in the Age of the Common Man, there should still be a royal family whose task it is to represent a sense of historical continuity, and to speak to, and for, the nation in times of festivity and crisis. I can remember the Queen being proclaimed monarch to a fanfare of trumpets at a small ceremony at Carfax in Oxford in 1952. Our newspapers, at that time British owned, all wrote of a "New Elizabethean Age". I cannot remember taking much notice. In those far-off days we were more inter-ested in girls, the weekly tutorial and the promise of a glittering Union career that would lead inevitably to Downing Street. The first two were my concerns; the third that of the young Michael

Heseltine.

I think it sensible that the royal family should now be thinking seriously of the changes that will be necessary to adapt it to the 21st century. Disestablishment seems reasonable enough. The Prince has already spoken of being the Defender of all Faiths. A catholic mar-riage would stop Roman Catholics feeling second-class citizens, and I would



richest woman in Britain. In fact, she is not. The richest woman in Britain is Betty Granchester, widow of Lord Granchester, and the principal shareholder in little school of the largest with t

Charles and Diana. The heir sight better-looking. I do not to the throne seems to be blame her for taking out an descended from Albert the Good, in that he is an intel-unpleasant photographers, Carnolics leeling secondclass citizens, and I would
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(63 per cent are foreign-owned; more, if you count Lord Rothermere's living in The tabloid press is with-

out doubt plus royale que le roi, for the Sun, Mirror and News of the World, depend for their profits on the exploitation of the royals whether they be toe-sucking vulgari-ans, or as upright as the Queen Mother. In 1940, the King and Queen, who had refused to be driven out of toured the East End to in-spect the bomb damage. They spoke to a Jewish tailor who, so it was said at the time, advised the monarch "to put the Empire in the wife's After 17 years of Tory gov-

ernment, I do not take so gloomy a view of the nation's prospects. Even if there were to be a United States of Europe (which I favour) the monarchy would stand for the identity of the British

people.
Closet republicans, and only few of them have as yet "come out", are careful never to address these eleves to the problem of who should suc-ceed as President of the Republic of Great Britain. Should it be Mr Alastair Goodlad (the Government Chief Whip), Sir Edward du Cann or Mr Terry Venables? A Head of State would need a good pair of calves (silk stockings being obligatory), be tall, so as not to look ridiculous in a top hat, and, most important of all, a home life over which hovered no breath of scandal. Could we ever agree upon such a para-gon, and, if we could, would not his mess bills be a considerable drain upon the exche-quer? Mr Roy Hattersley is beyond ambition, while Mr Gerald Kaufmann, who is staying on at Westminster, is not. I have a nasty feeling that if certain people win the day, King Charles III would have to make way for Lord Archer of Burnham-on-

Julian Critchley is the Conservative MP for Aldershot

Chirac, holidaying on the

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A soap opera in church

Paul Webster on the hunger-strikers who during five months of protest involving 300 other have united the glamorous and the good Malien sans-papiers", men, women and children.

Mall, led by Barran Diop, have lain motionless in their sleeping bags while photographers push and shove to catch contrasts between the frail protesters of carrier church expulsion August news drought. The Mallens, wants to ship out all the press when they dragged been allotted a hunger backed by their own emportesters in charter be planes to show the extremist National Front electorate ist National Front electorate in the protesters. The Mallens, wants to ship out all the protesters in charter the hunger strikers off to planes to show the extremist National Front electorate in the frail protesters.

But so far, the most threat-ening violence in Saint-Bernard's occurred when Danielle Mitterrand, the late president's widow, made a visit during which photographers trampled over the weakened black bodies in search of an emo-

for residence permits, feel-ing they are now integrated into French society despite arriving illegally. Most have jobs and families with children born in France. With a little diplomacy. their protest could have been shunted into oblivion at the beginning instead of developing into the most insoluble crisis the Gauliist-led government has faced since Jacques Chirac's election last year. Jean-Louis Debre, the inte-rior minister, has said he will never issue residence papers in case his action is seen as an invitation to other illegal settlers. He wants to ship out all the

Mediterranean, has refused to give the signal for forcible expulsion (perhaps wondering whether it would better if Mr Debre went first), while allowing time for what was origi-nally an extreme leftwing campaign to develop into a cause that has re-invigo-rated the orthodox opposi-tion, uniting communists, socialists and trade unions in official condemnation of government heartlessn Airline and travel agency staff have refused

to cooperate with plans to set up charter flights, and even the police seem to have become uncoopera-tive after receiving a bad press when they dragged the hunger strikers off to

supporter them, the actres ammanuelle Béart and the theatre director Ariane Mnouchkine have followed in the wake of charity superstars like the former hishop of Evreux, Jacques papers has developed into a political soap opera. Yesterday was the 48th day that the men from Mail, led by Babakar Diop, have lain motionless in their sleeping bags while photographers push and hove to catch continued to offer the actres. Supporter them, the actres ammanuelle Béart and the theatre director Ariane Mnouchkine have followed in the wake of charity superstars like the former hishop of Evreux, Jacques Gaillot, and Abbé Pierre, veteran fighter for the homeless, rehabilitated after abject apologies for bis suspected anti-semitism Famous faces been all strill the property of the property of the superstars like the former hishop of Evreux, Jacques Gaillot, and Abbé Pierre, veteran fighter for the homeless, rehabilitated after abject apologies for bis suspected anti-semitism Famous faces been all strill the property of the pro T PARIS'S Saint-Ber- | and showbiz supporters.

tional close up. Outside the church, crowds are getting ever bigger, sensing that France is about to go through a trauma. The Maliens, backed by their own embassy, have become the only worthwhile domestic Camilla Horn

Image of expressionism



Radiance and solemn innocence . . . Camilla Horn in Faust

93, made her debut in Friedrich Wilhelm Murnau's silent classic. Faust (1925-26). It was the film that was to ensure her lasting

She was born in Frankfurtam-Main, where her father was a railway worker; her mother was of Italian origin. After elementary school, Camilla was apprenticed as a seamstress in a fashion salon. while studying arts and stress in Erfart, but then, spurred by love for a young doctor, went to Berlin, where she enrolled for acting les-sons in the Rudolf Laban School and later took acting lessons from Lucie Hoeflich. the actress wife of Emil Jan-nings. Soon she was dancing in Rudolf Nelson's Berlin cabaret, and picking up extra roles in films.

Her big chance came when she was working as an extra sionally doing stand-ins for the star, Lil Dagover (who had made her name in The Cabinet of Dr Callgari). One day, Dagover was away from the set when Murnau needed a close up of her feet being sexily fitted into her shoes. Camilla was so eager for the which meant she would 50 marks for the day

she neglected to reveal until too late that her feet were considerably larger than Da-gover's and would not (it into the shoes. Murnau punished her for this time-wasting Cin-derella scenario by making her wear the shoes till her feet swelled and it was impossible to shoot the scene.

But then he surprised her by affering her the role of Gretchen in his forthcoming Faust, a role he had first in-tended for Lillian Gish. He later explained: "I had never before in my life seen a girl who could look so beautifully ashamed for two hours." Foust and its characters

Camilla's co-stars were Emil Jannings, Yvette Guilbert and Gosta Ekman — were to enter film legend. With her oval face, perfact features and a blonde wig simply parted and in long braids, Camilla's Gretchen has both radiance and a solemn innocence. UFA immediately signed her to a to prove something of an im-pediment, since it prevented her from accepting an offer from Max Reinhardt to act on ater in der Josefstadt. Worse, she was obliged to refuse Murnau's invitation to go with him to Hollywood, where she believed she would

HE GERMAN ac | instead of the usual 10, that | of Janet Gaynor. In 1928, how- | Hans Albers, Ivan Petrovich, ever, she was released to make two films for United Artists, starring with John Barrymore in Tempest, a lurid melodrams set in the Russian revolution, and Eternal Love, a historical romance which was Erest Lubitsch's last silent film.
The arrival of talking pio

tures ended Horn's chances of a Hollywood career, though she made a single sound film for Warners in New York.

F W Mumau gave her the role in Faust he had originally intended for Lillian Gish

Shot in both English and German versions (it was the first German-language talkie), The Royal Box teamed her with the German-Italian stage star

now typed in sophisticated roles, far from the spontaneous, gentle Gretchen. Few of the titles of her films are remembered, though she was teamed with some of the big-

long private alliance with one of her co-stars, Louis Graveure, though they never married. Her best-remembered film from the 1930s is Fahrendes Volk, the Germanlanguage version of Jacques Peyder's circus drama, Gens de Voyage. Her biggest popu-lar successes were Die Grosse Sehnsucht (1930) and Der

letzte Walzer (1934). Like a lot of continental stars of the day, she was lured to England. Her English was more than passable, but The Return of Raffles (1932). The Matines Idol (1933) and The Loss Nest (1933) gave her few opportunities. She also worked in Paris and Vienna. In 1941-42 she starred in three In 1941-42 she starred in three

films in Italy.

At the beginning of the second world war, she had attempted to leave Germany for Switzerland, but was stopped at the border. Therefor, the found herself out of after, she found herself out of favour with the Nazi authorities, and therefore the Ger-

She left films for farming, and subsequently went into hiding. When the war ended she worked as an interpreter for the occupying Americans and reappeared on stage, touring the music halls with White Sloves, a film the Nazis banned. A 1948 production of

Heads launched a stage career that included a 1961 tour of Gigi. Her final stage appearance was in 1976-77, in a production of Arsenic and Old Lace at Bad Godesberg.

Her looks proved surpris-ingly durable: in her seven-ties she was still a strikingly beautiful woman. Not until the 1980s did she embark on a new film career, as a character actress. She played won-derfully dreadful old ladies in Frankies Braut, a television film, Der Unsichtbare, and Peter Schamonl's Schloss performance as a royal gramy won her the 1987 Ba-varian Film Prize. In 1974, she had received the Deutsche Filmpreis, a life achievement

award. Camilla Horn's frank 1985 volume of memoirs, Verlicht in die Liebe, reveal her bright intelligence. She was married four times — to businessman four times — to businessman Karl Geerz, architect Kurft Kurfis, Swiss Robert Schnyder and a newspaper editor Rudolph Muehifenzel. After the last marriage ended, in 1963, she lived in Herrsch-ing am Ammersee, She spent her last years in a rest home in Bayaria.

David Robinson

Camilla Horn, actress, born

W Gordon Smith

Talent beyond the fringe

GORDON Smith, who has died aged 67, was one of the leading Scottish playwrights of recent decades, but also a ubiquitous figure in many aspects of Scottish cultural life. He was respected as a critic not least because he had engaged in most of the art forms about which he wrote.

His career as a playwright began in the late 1960s, when he was a producer with resconsibility for most of BBC Scotland's somewhat limited artistic output. Smith was at the final rehearsal of the play Cockburn, written by Jack Ronder for Russell Hunter to perform. Hunter recalls: "As we left Old College in Edinburgh that evening, Gordon said to me, 'That was no' bad (which I later realised was a very high compliment indeed). Now I'm going to write a play for you as well."

First, however, he wrote a play about Van Gogh, called simply Vincent, which was was well received and was put on at the Young Vic and over-seas. This encouraged Smith to fulfil his promise to Hunter by writing Jock, the one-man play which established them as a theatrical partnership. It explored the Scottish psyche, and particularly the part played in it by our nation's

military history, through the musings of an old soldier. Hunter received the script while he was living in Glas gow and working on the television version of Cockie. He was thrilled by it but set Jock the ultimate test - reading the script to his landlady. "She

knew it wasn't just me." Thus was a modern Scottish theatrical legend born. Smith read in a newspaper that Clyde Fair International — the forerunner of Mayfest — was bemoaning the lack of original Scottish theatre. He took along micred in Glascow to creat Edinburgh Festival Fringe. After hearing themselves Decembedismissed on radio as "a two- 13, 1998



Smith . . . theatrical legend

man Mafia" outside the main stream of Scottish theatre Hunter and Smith thought first of calling themselves Scotia Nostra, but opted instead for Cacciatore Fabbro, the Italian translations of their names. This was probably to the puzzlement of a decade of Italian visitors to the Edin-

burgh Festival After 25 years with the BBC as a producer for both televi-sion and radio, Smith fell vic tim to cuts in 1980. Indeed, this essentially ended Edinburgh's role as a centre of creative television production. Smith responded by becoming more productive in his other areas of interest, notably through a series of biographies of Scot-tish painters, the most recent of which — on David Donald-son — has just been published. He was a big man physically

and exerted a powerful pres-ence. In later years, he reverted largely to journalism his regular columns, latterly in Scotland on Sunday, were both authoritative and challenging. His death — ironi-cally, during the period of the Edinburgh Festival which his work and presence so often graced — removes a major figure from the creative side of Scotland.

Brian Wilson

W Gordon Smith, playwright, born

Victor Ambartsumian

Way to the neutron stars

former Soviet Union and spent most of his life in his native Armenia, the astrophysicist Victor Ambartsumian, who has died aged 87 at his home within the Byurakan Observatory, Yerevan, which he founded in 1944 and directed until 1988, changed the thinking of the world of science.

A brilliant mathematician

with a huge grasp of the intrihe challenged conventional thinking by suggesting that many of the processes in-volved in the creation and occur during the dispersion and rarefaction of matter. From the 1920s onward cos

mology and astrophysics, had focused on the theories of con-densation and of extremely dense celestial bodies. Eddington had pointed out that the enormous density of white dwarf stars, evident from observation, must mean that they comprise degenerate matter in which the electrons are crushed against their nuclei by pressure — the first stage of gravitational collapse Within a decade this led to the suggestion of neutron stars, whose even more degen-

1940. The central question was whether this progression of matter through gravitational accretion, increasing density and ultimately an increas-ingly degenerate state, was the overall evolutionary direction of all galaxies, and thus of the In 1947, in a unique amal-

gamation of observation and creative theory, Ambartsu-mian turned condensation cosmology upside down by showing that galaxies are sur-rounded by clusters of stars which occur in distinct types
— which he called "associations" — and which are so young that they must still be evolution of the universe itself young that they must still be and of individual galaxies forming in regions of expansion and rarefaction. He went on to suggest that these associ-ations of very young stars would be unstable — a suggestion quickly confirmed by

observation. This led him to propose that many stars arise as specific types as a result of the disintegration of what he called "protostars" — enormously mas-sive celestial bodies which could occur within galaxies. At this time, Ambartsumian might be neutron stars. However, in the 1950s, when it was suggested that the highly active radio stars being observed within galaxies were a million times that of white dwarfs — a theory that had been worked out in detail and product of galactic collisions, Ambartsumian calculated and proposed that their production in Yerevan, the precision

the nuclei of normal galaxies.

tence of super-super-super-novae, expansions of matter of inconceivable violence within galactic nuclei whose spectrum of stellar products may well include neutron stars and massive black holes. However Ambartsumian pursued his theories of rarefaction and stellar formation into extra-galactic space.

In the 1960s, he argued that the 1960s, he argued that the tenuous but huge filaments of cosmic gas that connect the galaxies in many galactic clusters confirm that they originated in the explosive expansion of a single sive expansion of a single

FTEN supported by later observation, Ambartsumian's calculations and proposals opened up the post-war world of cosmological thinking, confirming routes of stellar creation in both condensation and rarefaction, supporting the possibility of either a "big bang" or a "steady state" universe. Ambartsumian also investigated the surface structure of meteormatical model of the turbulent creation of planets from a spinning planetary nebula. Despite his apparent isolamian's work greatly influ-enced theories of cosmogeny and the direction of cosmology servatory at Byurakan be-came an international centre, between 1961 and 1972 when Amhartsumian served success sively as president of the International Astronomical Union and of the International Council of Scientific Unions. He was a scientist of true international stature.

menian philologist, Ambartsu-mian graduated from Lenin-grad University in 1928, carrying out post-graduate studies at the nearby Pulkovo Observatory and receiving his doctorate in 1931. He was immediately appointed as a lec-turer at Leningrad, becoming professor of astrophysics only three years later. In 1944, he accepted the equivalent chair at Yerevan University in Armenia, from where he orga-nised the construction of the Byurakan Observatory. In 1989 he made non-scientific news by going on hunger strike for three weeks to draw attention to the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian enclave in neighbouring Azerbaijan.

Ambartsumian was twice awarded the highest medal of the Soviet Union, the Hero of Socialist Labour, and, after the Soviet collapse, received



Ambartsumian . . . challenging convention

major awards throughout the world, became a foreign fellow of the Academies of France, Germany. India and America and, in 1969, of the Royal Soci-

ety in London. Ambartsumian had an unexpected gift and passion for poetry, which, with his love of

the highest award of independent Armenia, the medal of wife Vera, whom he married the National Hero. He won in 1932 and who enriched his life at the mountain-top observatory. There are two sons and two daughters.

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With the organization

Anthony Tucker

Victor Ambartsumian, astrophysicist, born September 18, 1908; died August 12, 1996

Death Notices

Letters

obituary of Sir Anthony Parsons (August 14) left out Parsons's support for and interest in the Commonwealth.
Forty Commonwealth members gave their support to Britain over the Falklands at the UN thereby blocking the possibility of endorsement for Argentina in the Organisa-

tion of American States. Sir Anthony was well

Richard Bourne writes: Your | pursued by Venezuela) at a | of small states. Although the obituary of Sir Anthony Par- | time when the Secretary-Gen- | Guif war in the early 1990s eral of the Commonwealth. Shridath Ramphal, was Furthermore Guatemala

had an outstanding claim to Belize, based an similar his-torical grounds which the Commonwealth had consis-tently refuted. Hence the dip-lomatic support in the UN. which might have gone to aware that there were significant Hispanic claims to much of Guyana (deriving from the former Spanish empire and curity and self-determination burnan rights and democracy.

followed Sir Anthony's retirement from the Foreign Office. he was still an active commentator and the Iraqi inva-sion of Kuwait raised similar issues, important for many of the smaller Commonwealth countries.

Parsons bridged the gap be-

tween historic views of the Commonwealth, related to

Mrs Thatcher's close advi-sers, he was fully in tune with her ways of thinking about international affairs. Not so. For instance, during his retirement years he gave a great deal of support and advice to those who were campaigning for severe con-straints on the arms trade an idea which could hardly be further from Mrs Thatcher's approach to the issue.

Birthdays

Princess Margaret, 66; John Austin-Walker, Labour MP, Frank Blackaby writes: Your obituary of Sir Anthony Par-sons might give readers the impression that, as one of 52; Dame Janet Baker, CH mezzo-soprano, 63; Chris Brasher, athlete and writer, 68; Donald Dewar, Labour chief whip, 59; Prof Andrew Goudie, geographer, 51; Rob-ert Goloman, artist, 65; Barrie Meyer, cricket umpire, 64; Barry Norman, broadcaster and filmgoer, 63; James Pawsey, Conservative MP, 63; Kenny Rogers, country and western singer. 55; Peter Thurnham, Con-servative MP, 58.

tlings. It's a worki riven into

two mutually antagonistic groups, the Twitchers and the

Birders, and Gary is a fierce

partisan of the latter. Twitch-

JONES William Glynne Mose, MSc PhD, of Llangotten, died on 16 August after a tong tilness which he bors with patience and dignity. Much loved husband of Sarbara Labber of Anne, Janet and Lound and grandlather of Cathy, Robbe, William, Luzio, Sarsh, Tom, Ben, Rachet and Timothy We shall all miss his kindness and gentle humour Fumeral Liangotten Ston Chapel, 23 August 11.30

■To place your enrouncement telephone 0171 713 4567 Fax 0171 713 4129

twitcher's list - unlikely to be

Ticker: They tick off species as

on anyone else's

Jackdaw



Ambushed

IT IS Saturday, 6 July 1996. The Kanunatala women are preparing for the day they have awaited all year. They rub their hodies with coconut oil and dress themselves in shell neck-laces, grass skirts and armlets made of vane. They are barefooted, bare-breasted and, under the skirts, barebottomed. Soon they will form a vibrant procession and begin the traditional ritual of carry ing yams — the potato-like rubers — from their gardens to their villages. They will also take part in another annual custom, "We will force any man who provokes us to have sex."

declares a grass-skirted young

woman named Primrose. Like their grandmothers and mothers before them, they will spare no mercy to any male from outside their territory who strays into their path. First they will accost him by means of a road-block and strip him naked. Then they will hold him down and, one by one, have sex with him. Any victim who fails to rise to the occasion will not escape lightly, "We'll take turns to sit on his face," says Primrose triumphantly. "You can have sex with whoever you choose," says Serah Kalubaku "Even married couples can have flings. It doesn't interfere with their relationships and it has nothing to do with love. It's purely for fun." The female penchant for raping men is

village chief to start raping." nforms Serah. The tables are turned in the Trabriand islands of Papua Ner Guinea. Marie-Claire

considered an extension of this high-voltage hedonism. "We have to get permission from the

Royal romps KFTCHEN entertaining. Lady Powell: "I live north of the

river where lots of people -actors, artists and writers work from home. Often we go for a walk, then come back for lunch. There is always a mixture: friends like Willie Shawcross and Paul Johnson. I bring the ingredients back from Italy - Parma ham, basil and ruccola from my garden there. I like to cook asparagus with Parmesan. It's instant food for instant friends." Drinks parties. Sophia Steel: Our house is a great party house. I've painted all the rooms primary colours and the dining room with clouds and balustrades - all a little baroque. I love to throw themed parties. They are lots of firm and express my choreographic pas-

sions — I'm apt to burst into song at any point."
Weekends in the country. Lady Dashwood: "The root of my parties' success is the house. West Wycombe Park. There are lots of drawing rooms, and it's both very grand and cosy. When I have 24 people to dinner, we use the long table. Also I invite a mixture of attractive and intelligent people, and try not to have two stars."

Dinner and dances. The Countess of Normanton: "What makes a party successful is the personal touch. The whole a dance and the marquee blew down in a storm, and everyone had to move into the house, dragging evening gowns through the mud. Inside, people sat where they could, eating with plates on their laps. The English are wonderful at making the best of bad situations. Tatler at home gives us advice from those who really know. sponsored by Moët & Chandon,

it hurt

YOU know how envious people are when you get a new car? Well, this year really rub it in. The Driving and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) pro-vides a possible text for the Thatcher years. Suggested by David Elsom.

Big bash

ONE WORLD Week is an annual education programme, which involves tens of thousands of people. It runs from 20 to 27 October and it's theme is "Living on the Edge". This year's action kit has a chapter called "DIY Disarmament", which is aimed more specifically at young people. (The first ques-tion asks, "Have you ever had to stand up against authority of any kind — school, work, parental?") It details the case of the East Timor Ploughshares campaign group who broke into a British Aerospace factory in January and lamaged a Hawk jet. A section called "questions and activity ideas" asks groups to read aloud the testimony of Joanna Wilson, a protester about Timor, and say why she was justified in her action. It asks them if they have ever stood up against authority. and under what circumstances they would break the law. A section called "Learning to be active citizens" suggests that groups use work-shops to examine how the Ploughshares protesters tried

to stop the Hawk jets from being used for genocide.

If you spot small green figures in your local area, do not be

chalk and blackboards are th main targets and will effectively be destroyed with a ammer. Church Times. Hot hobbyists

alarmed; it is not the men from

Mars, but children in combat

gear practising disarmament

echniques. It is thought that

LIKE football, birdwatching has a whole sub-culture of interneccine disputes and jos-



Focus . . . getting twitchy

ers?" he says witheringly. "They're the ones who give birdwatching a bad name. They're fanatics." The Twitcher's sole aim in life is to spot and record as many different varieties of bird as possible.

and he'll not think twice about phoning in sick, and charter-ing a belicopter to the Shetland Islands if a white stork is "showing well" in the area. But for Gary there are always new birds to photograph or identify by their colouring, call, habitat and behaviour. That's my challenge," he explains. "I derive most pleasure from the ones which are diffi-

cult to identify." Birdwatching slang Birdwatcher: Anyone who watches birds in their back

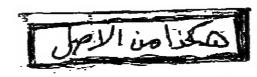
garden. Birder: A more active version. Twitcher: Rare bird, or obsessive bird fan who stalks it. Stringer: Person who falsely claims to have seen a particular bird

Blocker: A rare bird on a

they see them. MORE ANORAKS: James Bunce's obsession with old gas cookers was OK when he had just a couple in his small terraced house in Gloucester-shire. But now he's got more than 100. There are cookers in the dining room, bedrooms and the garden shed. As for girlfriends, they just take one look at the "J Bunce Cooker Museum" and they're off. Although Greg Heathcliff, from Swindon, works for British Rail, he spent £4,000 on a replica Western Class 52 loco which is supposed to be a gar-den shed. "Tve always wanted a train of my own," he says. The second and concluding part of Jackdaw's anorak lijestyle special. Extracts taken from Focus magazine.

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Halifax rules out rate cuts

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RITAIN'S biggest mortgage lender, the Halifax, yesterday told borrowers be no further cuts in interest rates, even if the cost of bank borrowing fell further.

reflected the improvement in was confident of a prolonged the housing market which is expected to boost consumer confidence and further in by 5.3 per cent over the last crease the Conservatives' for crease the Conservatives' fortunes in the polls.

The improvement signalled the death knell for mortgage giveaways and discounts, de-

would not boost the recovery already under way in the

Mr Foulds said: "Bank base rates may fall further, but only by a small amount, 2266 million in June, but the

which would probably be too small to trigger a mortgage rate cut. I don't honestly think another cut would make any difference to the housing market."
The Halifax's share of new

lending dropped dramatically over the last six months. It reported a fall to \$649 million in interim pretax profits for the first half of \$1000 but Mr. Feelide said he The society's tough stance 1996, but Mr Foulds said he year and turnover is up 6 per

The society's optimism was supported by figures showing giveaways and discounts, described by Hailfax chief executive Mike Blackburn as a low price "blood bath".

The society's chairman Jon Foulds said mortgage rates were now at the "bottom of the trough" and further cuts would not boost the movement. per cent higher than at the same time last year. That in-cluded a rise of £615 million in mortgage lending by banks.

Further jobs to go as society wields axe

MORE lob cuts are on the way at the Hallfax after Britain's biggest mortgage lender said yesterday that it intended to stamp out "old Spanish practices" in its head office an trim the branch network further, writes

Teresa Hunter.
The society, which will float on the stock market next June, has already cut 1,200 jobs — a quarter from its head office — but hopes to create anything up to 1,000 new

The chairman, Jon Foulds, said it was ible to say how many more jobs impossible to say how many more jobs Would be lost. But he added that that sayone techni

dundaccy would be offered eiternati mployment with the society. However, he said that an earlier pro

He said: "For the moment it sta

England yesterday. Despite a rise in M4 of 0.4

ion given the large share giveaway on offer due to be worth around an average £1,000. Institutional demand for the shares is likely to be so strong that the society is currently working on a plan to ensure an

orderly market in the aftermath of the

The chief executive, Mike Blackburn, said: "The Stock Exchange averages som 30,000 share transactions each day. We are of several hundreds of thousands of Halifax shares to be sold daily after the

only around 100 staff have opted for volun-

tary redundancy so far. But we could never

The Halifax's nearly 10 million members will be asked next February to decide whether the society should be turned into a

strength of the personal sector failed to drive up the overall measure of broad money (M4) in the sconomy, published by the Bank of fallen below the authorities. City analysts said the easing removed one of the Bank of England's key objections to an interest rate cut and renewed speculation that the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarks, will lower base rates in the 8-9 per cent monitoring

autumn. The Bank has pointed to money supply growth as an indicator of inflationary pressure while warning the Chancellor that he should raise the cost of borrowing or risk missing the government's 2.5 per cent

inflation target. But concern remained that the headline rate was distorted by the large public sector debt repayment last month and a favourable comparison with July last year, when M4 was boosted by the merger of Lloyds Bank and the Cheltenham & Gloucester

building society.

The Federal Reserve, the US central bank, last night, as expected, left interest rates — the key overnight bank lending rate and the more symbolic discount rate — unchanged, amid signs the US economy is slowing to a pace that will keep inflation

in check. Speculation that the Bundesbank could cut repo rates tomorrow grew last night after an easing in the M3 money supply growth to

Patience a virtue for hi-tech fans



Edited by Mark Milner

STOCK markets have trouble with high-technology companies. One day they can be flavour of the moment and their share prices are soaring, the next the market suddenly gets cold feet over sky-high multiples and the share prices come plummeting back.

Orange, the mobile tele-phone company, is a good ex-ample. In March it made its stock market debut at a price of 205p a share and shoulship of the FTSE 100 share in-dex without having turned in

Suddenly everybody liked Orange. The shares soared to

Then came the downside of the hi-tech cycle. Orange shares slumped to a low of 174p and even now are trading at only 193p — seven per cent down on the issue price. Yet what has happened? Orange is still in the red and will be for a year on two yet. will be for a year or two yet. No surprise there. Nor is the absence of an interim divi-

In fact the losses were in the middle range of City expectations, while the number of subscribers and the average revenues generated were given an approving nod by analysts.
The management is firm

that the company is meeting its performance targets and could argue that it has an edge over some of its rivals in that it relies entirely on digi-

By contrast, earlier market entrants have to try to expand their digital networks while simultaneously servicing their well established ana-

logue-based businesses. Yet despite such factors. and a ten-page health warning in the flotation prospectus, the shares have enjoyed – if that is the term — a

roller-coaster ride. Stock market players find fewer problems with BSkyB. The share price has more than doubled since the begin-

ning of last year. It would be difficult to define BSkyB as a hi-tech stock. yet it does have a keen interest in some quite sophisti-

cated technology — though as a consumer of technology-based services rather than as That interest will increase. BSkyB has earmarked digital ervices as an area for expansion, though it is not saying how much it is prepared to spend. An intriguing alliance

with BT, widely expected to

involve a combination of tele-vision, telephone and interac-

tive services such as home

the cards. Yesterday BSkyB showed a very understandable desire to husband its resources in the tidy investment programme. Ily forgotten.

The initial stock market reac tion was less understanding, bowever. The shares slipped 10p at one point, not least be-cause the dividend had been noisted a mere 120 per cent to 5.5p, rather than the 6p or 7p some forecasters had been expecting. That is a far cry from the swings that have affected the Orange share price since flotation. BSkyB's position as a media stock should buffer it against such vicissitudes.

There may still be times, however, when investors in BSkyB, like those in Orange, will need to be patient.

Tough at the top

HE Halifax is Britain's biggest mortgage lender. Over the past six months, however, something rather odd has happened. According to the latest figures, the society which provides around one in five mortgages saw its share of the new-loans

market drop. The Halifax says the fall in its share of new loans over the period stemmed from its decision to stand aloof from the remortgaging market, where a flerce battle has pushed prices to levels at which the Halifax reckons it is not worth competing. It did rather better in loans to first time buyers or those moving

The Halifax's approach is a sensible one. History is full of organisations which found themselves in trouble as a result of trying to maintain or improve market share without stopping to count the cost.
With the housing market picking up around the country, and the number of transactions starting to

sentiment, the ratio of mort-gage demand to supply may come more into balance. At that point it will be interesting to see if the Halifax resumes its traditional position of pre-sminence or whether the longer-term competition provided by those societies determined to stick

to their mutual status is After all, the mutuals' stan-dard bearer, the Nationwide, 6.49 per cent on their mortgages next month. That compares to some 6.99 per cent being charged by many of the societies determined to be-

The prospect of conversion will keep members sweet in the short term, but once they have pocketed the pay-out, some may start to look

Forgetful François

ENERALS are often accused of fighting past battles. France's former defence minister, Francois Lectard, appears to be de-veloping the concept into an art form. Yesterday Mr Lectard argued that European monetary union was a politi-cal act and should be brought banking and shopping, is on forward without fiddling de tails like the Maastricht crite ria getting in the way. Tell that to the financial markets. The lessons of 1992

and 1993, it appears, are eas-

LIFFE man is copper scandal

'Open skies' deal will pave

Guardian has learned. John Foyle, deputy chief ex-ecutive of the London Inter-

should be complete by Christmas and may propose wide-ranging reforms of the world's premier metal

at the LME — includes special responsibility for regulation, membership and LIFFE's famously strict disciplinary code: last week a trader was fined for swearing on the dealing floor.

the future at a lower price, effectively lending copper to the market at a profit.

The wild card in the pack seems to be China, which has taken 100,000 tonnes of copper off the market during the past two months.

ment came as traders' con-cern mounted over what ap-pears to be another "squeeze" in the copper market. The continuing high level of the "spot" price over the price of forward delivery suggests a handful of key holders of cop-per stocks are keeping their metal off the market, for reasons unknown.

stances, anyone holding stocks would have an incen-tive to sell to the market at today's high spot price and si-multaneously enter a forward deal to buy the metal back in the future at a lower price, effectively lending copper to

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He said that the deal, which would give UK air-lines greater access to US ahead, the merger would start on April 1 next year. BA's current American partner, USAir, has issued airports and American carriers improved facilities at Heathrow, was still a real a lawsuit against BA to preskies" agreement between the two countries would sydney. Mr Ayling urged ahead. Mr Ayling said that to free he had not spoken to USAir has soon to decide whether could only support one tion of the deal.

BRITISHAIRWAYS

Reach for the sky . . . Robert Ayling, BA chief executive, before giving his speech in Sydney, Australia, yesterday

way to merger, says BA chief the competition deal went

530p yesterday following reports that the "open

skies" talks were threat-ened by UK intransigence. But the hard line was seen in the industry simply as a negotiating tactic by the

up competition as a condition for approving the planned merger of BA and American Airlines — and expressed optimism that, if

should the wrangle, but had to refer the merger to the plobal airline, and he expensed Monopolites and Mergers pected it to be Qantas, in which BA has a 25 per cent allument.

The Office of Fair Trades where the merger to the proposed of the proposed allument.

The Office of Fair Trades where the merger to the plobal airline, and he expensed optimism that, if

the deal, is still preparing its report for the Trade and Industry Secretary, Ian Lang. He is under pressure from Cabinet colleagues not to go to the Monopolies

told the European Commission that a £1 billion missiles joint venture between British Aerospace and La gardère SCA affects both countries' security inter-Commission.

Mr Ayling sald Australia ests and that they are opposed to an EU investiga-

China ousts Japan as US deficit foe borrowed to foil Martin Walker in Washington

The SIB is believed to ap-prove of Mr Foyle's tempo-

rary attachment, although it did not suggest it. His expert-ise in surveillance, contract HE London Metal Exchange, shaken by scan-dals in the copper mardesign and market monitoring will be of obvious value during the SIB's investigation. ket, has hired a new-broom consultant to help it through the next six months, the News of Mr Foyle's second-

BRITISH Airways' chief executive. Bob Ayling,

yesterday rejected sugges-tions that talks between

Britain and the US next

week on a new 'open

national Financial Futures and Options Exchange, is thought to be joining the LME on his return from holiday. His secondment will coincide with an investigation by the Securities and invest-ments Board; the inquiry

Mr Foyle joined LIFFE in 1981, one year before its full opening His present position — which he will retain while

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BENCHMARK was A BENCHMARA reached in American trade last month when, for the first time, the trade deficit with China surpassed the traditional deficit with

Quick to hail the sharp drop in Japan's trade surplus over the past year as evidence that President Clinton's market-opening policy was work-ing, the White House was immediately confronted with a new problem with China, whose trade surpluses show breakneck growth.

politically controversial since billion in May, and is now Mr Clinton's decision to extrading status, could play an piracy of films, recordings important role in the US pres- and computer software, avertidential election campaign. The Republican candidate, Bob Dole, is making trade an issue, accusing Mr Clinton of losing American jobs by not enforcing trade laws, includ-ing draconian anti-dumping

For the first half of 1996, the US-Japan deficit is \$10 billion (£6.6 billion) smaller than during the same period a year ago, reduced by a 32 per cent drop in Japanese car exports, hit by the strong yen.
The deficit with China rose

ing US sanctions.
China normally exports to

the US four times more than it imports but this trade gap widened further in June as imports of US commercial airlion. Sales of wheat and corn also declined by \$33 million.

The US-Japan trade figures continue to reflect the postwar low in the dollar's value against the yen last year, making Japanese goods more expensive in the US. How-

China's trading practices, | to \$3.3 billion in June from \$3 | The dollar was at almost 108 ing yesterday, compared to its postwar low of 79.75 yen in April 1995.

America's overall trade deficit narrowed dramatically in June as imports fell by the largest amount in five years, reflecting an export boom that is the biggest source of growth in the economy.

ICI's subsidiary Tioxide has abandoned plans to set up a joint venture in China to produce titanium dioxide. Tioxide signed an initial agreement with the Yu Gang company of Chongquing last December, but yesterday ICI said the two sides had been ever, this effect will not last. | unable to reach agreement.

Britons stressed from overwork

Chiris Barrie

XTRA hours, heavier workloads and greater responsibilities are afflicting Britons at work, and all for no extra pay.

A survey of working lives in the 1990s, published yesterday, suggests that the complaint most often associated with the decade, stress, is no

more than a mask for more traditional problems. people between October 1994 and February 1995, researchers calculate that nearly 75 per cent of the workforce are now expected to 17 per cent. But the research cover for absent colleagues. suggests, on closer analysis.

Only 1 per cent object, while twice that number "keep quiet and do as little as possible". One in eight resent the extra work but get on with it. Similarly, nearly half the

workforce are expected to put in extra hours. Of these unfortunates, nearly half have to put in some of those additional hours at home, while 70 per cent perform their added duties unpaid. The report notes that 18 per cent of people cite poor pay as their biggest problem, with stress coming close behind at

this extra responsibility with objective problems of poor out question.

Only 1 per cent object, and hours. Stress, the report says, "is an understandable response to an overwhelming amount of work".

Alan Hudson, one of the authors of the report and an education lecturer at Canterentization includes a Canterior Sury Christ Church College, says the findings reflect the ambience of the times and have their origins in change ing working conditions that began before the 1980s. "The period of Thatcherism gave substance to trends that were already happening. Her role was catalytic rather than innovative," Mr Hudson said.

sises the decline in the influthan twice as many people op person best placed to solve problems.

Not surprisingly, many em-ployees dwell on the pros-pects of changing jobs. Over a quarter think about this "fre-quently or constantly", and the same proportion say it will be their decision to quit that will be the most likely reason for them to leave. But another 19 per cent say redundancy or closure will

force them out.
Working Lives in the 1990s, He added that what was needed was a change in condi-

for trousers Dan Atkinson

A great stride

reports on Levi's

latest plan to dress up the jean market TAFF at the trendier workplaces need agonise no longer over whether to Dress Up for the

job or (especially on Fridays) to Dress Down. Now, thanks to Levi Strauss & Co, they can Dress Along. The 140-year-old iean machine is unveiling a fill the gap between denim and suits

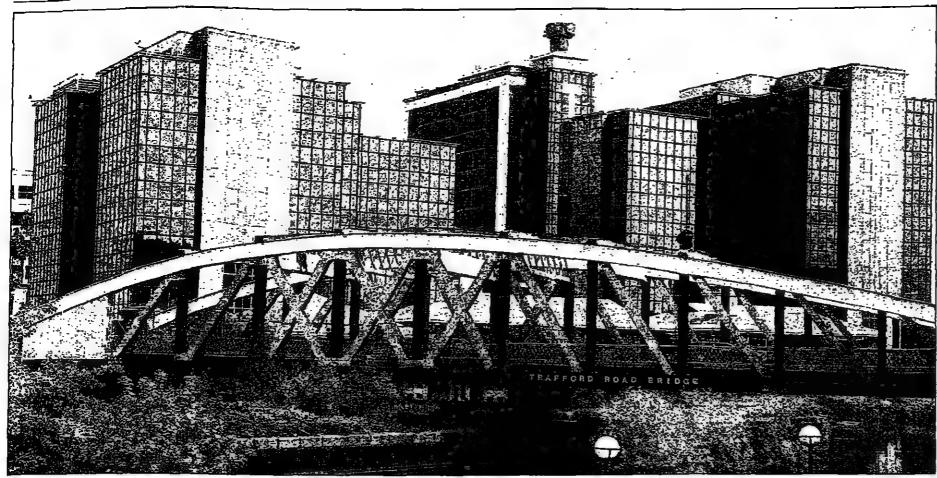
Lateral dressing, Levi-style, will give men in their thirties and forties a line of trousering that can be worn at either business or social occasions. And the name of this newest of new looks? Slates. That's right - Slates. But what these trews lack in nomenciature they may make up in profitability: Levi

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Slate every morning, it could be rewarded by annual sales of \$1.9 billion in the US alone. What will they look like? They will have an "accessible style", the company says, and will allow men to express will allow men to express more individuality, youthfulness and personality than is possible when wearing a suit.

Were that not alarming enough, these accessible and individual trousers threaten "to awaken a sleeping giant", according to Levi, although the giant in question proves merely to be the market for trousers like . . well Slates. Levi claims this is only the third clothing line it has even launched (the second being its Dockers slacks), which is a bit rich given the company's record of repackaging a series of supposedly "authentic" jeans (miners', rivets, red tab etc) for successive

In fact, speculators ought to snap up as many Slates as they can right away, within a decade "Original Slates" will reckons that by persuading return to the market, at sufficient chaps to step into a double the standard price.



Region fails to punch its weight

PATCHWORK PROGRESS/ The North-west economy is expanding too slowly, and will only catch up if it can attract a higher level of inward investment, writes Martyn Halsall

first industrial revolution, is struggling to keep abreast of an improving national economy and to thrive in the international market place.

"We have not punched our weight," said Terry Thomas, managing director of the Co-operative Bank. 'We should bring in levels of investment comparable with areas like the Northeast and South Wales — but we have not, for years and

Mr Thomas, who surveys the North-west's economy from the bank's headquarters in central Manchester. was unveiling a revolution the resignation of the entire board of Inward, the regional investment agency, in the most sweep investment ing changes since its foundation in 1985.

Behind the move, which was agreed within Inward but effectively involves its takeover by a more comprehensive body. He reports of anxiety about the agency's performance. Critics are said to include the govern-ment's office in the Northwest and the Invest in Britain Bureau, which holds a 40 per cent stake in the

the North-west, whose region is the second largest in the UK after the South east, still suffer higherthan-average unemployment and an economic growth rate below the average in the EU.

Employment growth is improving but still lags behind national rates, as does the acquisition of skills and qualifications. The rate of employment expansion, in the period to 2005, is fore-cast to be around half the national average and onethird of that in East Anglia.

the fastest growing region. Larger firms, employing more than 500 people, are the main sources of job losses. Smaller companies are employing more people.

Manufacturing, once the
mainstay of the region, is
forecast to achieve growth of 36 per cent, but to suffer a 13 per cent fall in employ-ment. The fate of Trafford Manchester is symptomatic: in its post-war heyday 75.000 people worked in its huge factories. By the early 1980s the workforce was lown to 25,000 and today it is 43,000, employed by 1,300

Unemployment ranged, in 1995, from 6.4 per cent in Lancashire to 12.8 per cent on Merseyside, against a national average of 8.1 per cent. On inward investment the Partnership's economic strategy report said: "The

companies.



underachieving relative to most of the rest of the UK."

ployment sectors, compared with the UK average. up to 2005, and the worst GDP growth rate of any UK region apart from Northern Ireland. The region, with an economy larger than four EU countries, has three big dis-

finance and geography. Basil Jeuda, Inward's enaging director, said the region could not compete for major projects needing cause of a lack of suitable

advantages in its drive to

LG, the South Korean electronics group that recently made Europe's largest inward investment in South Wales, was a dra-matic example. "I think we were in the frame for about 30 minutes, until they realised we didn't have a large enough site," said Mi

Inward initially offered two sites to Toyota in 1988,

The problem of geogra-phy may prove more intractable. The North-west, stretching from the Chesh-ire plain to the Scottish border and with an economy ranging from sheep farming to futuristic nuclear technology, suffers from an identity crisis.

Mr Jeuda claims Inward has an enviable record of

attracting inward investment compared with com-petitor agencies. Latest results, published last month, claimed a record 4,244 direct jobs came from 31 investment projects and £117 million of direct investment in the past year.

Watchdog hits out at electricity generators

tors National Power and PowerGen should nopolies and Mergers Comission for failing to pass on the benefits of falling costs to consumers, an industry watchdog said yesterday.

Accusing the two of being over-powerful, Ken Prior. chairman of the committee made up of the heads of the regional electricity consumer committees, said National Power should be broken up to foster competition. He said the committee

would ask the industry regu-lator. Professor Stephen Littlechild, to cut the influence wielded by National Power and PowerGen in the Electricity Pool, the wholesale mar-ket in England and Wales. Mr Prior also wants an end

to payments to power stations that do not produce electric-ity while on stand-by. He said regional electricity companies had little incentive to drive down generating price because they were free to pass these costs on to consumers. PowerGen, he said, had cut costs by 40 per cent. But the benefits of these efficiency savings had yet to be felt by consumers. Doubting that Professor Littlechild had sufficient power to curb their in-fluence, Mr Prior forecast

National Power and Power-Gen will account for 26 per cent and 24 per cent respec-tively of the electricity market in England and Wales next year. By contrast the nuclear generators will account National Power said it found Mr Prior's remarks

that an MMC reference would

'surprising', given that the MMC had only recently concluded the generating market would soon be competitive. PowerGen said its prices to regional companies had fallen by 22 per cent in real terms since 1990. The company added that the generating market was "highly competi-

tive, with more than 20 players bidding into the Pool" Speaking at the launch of he annual report of the comfor cracking down on profits at National Grid, the transmission company, and said electricity bills had fallen rom an annual average of £335 to £200.

But Mr Prior and Peter Weston, out-going deputy chairman, attacked executive salaries in the industry. Mr Weston said he and some colleagues regarded salary levels as "'ridiculous" because regional electricity companies made most profit from distribution monopolies and comparisons with companies operating in a competitive world were not appropriate.

Mr Prior, a former execu-tive in the oil industry, de-scribed the policy of the remuneration committee at Southern Electric - the company which serves his region
— as "just amateurish".

Warning that about five
regional electricity compa-

nies would be identified by the consumer watchdogs as laggards in preparations for market liberalisation in 1998, Mr Prior added: "Now is the time for these chaps to earn their keep.

He dismissed as "brink manship" suggestions that competition in domestic supplies may have to be phased

Now is the time for these chaps to earn their keep'

- Ken Prior, consumer champion, challenging electricity chiefs' salarie in run-up to liberalisation

in from April. He said the industry had, in some cases, been more concerned to pro-tect its position than to foster competition.

In their report the sumer watchdogs call for higher performance targets and tougher penalties for failing to meet them. They also warn that ageing systems need urgent investment. Noting that rural areas

were especially prone to interruptions in supply, Mr Weston said Labour had been warned not to impose a wind-

ngency. Driving the changes is the North-west Partner-ship, founded two years ago to encourage cohesion. The North-west lias dozens of agencies effectively competing in the increasingly competitive inward investment arena. The 7 million people in

but eight years later they but eight years later they are still not available. A bard day's night ... workers flood from a factory at mittee chairmen. Mr Prior way that would endanger processor Littlechild investment.

Investors mustn't get the pip with Orange

Outlook

Nicholas Bannister

MANS Snook, Orange's managing director, is perplexed. When Ornge was floated five months ago, investors were buying into the mobile phone group as if there were no tomorrow. Now the shares are languishing way below the offer price, and yesterday's good first-half results lifted them by only a few pence.
"We have been hitting all

the assumptions which the analysts built into their models at the time of the flotation." Mr Snook said.

He blamed the low share price on the American mar-ket's recent disenchantment with high-technology stocks and investors' failure to undestand all the elements which drove the business. Thus will be of little comfort to those people who bought

into Orange at the offer price of 205p a share. The issue was 10 times oversubscribed and the shares soured to 240p within days, before peaking at 253p. Those who failed to get out in those heady early days are now nursing losses

However, they cannot complain that they were not warned. The prospectus stressed that Orange was a loss making company with a highly competitive industry,

and went on to spell out the dent that it will meet anarisk factors over 10 pages. | dent that it will meet analysis forecasts of break-even risk factors over 10 pages. In fact Orange has done well during the first half of 1996. The number of subscribers rose by 194,000 to 573,000 - almost double the growth rate during the first half of

1995. Since then subscribers have topped 600,000. Average revenue per cus-tomer rose from £414 for the 12 months to December 1995 to £446 for the year to the end of June 1996. The rolling annual churn rate. reflecting the loss of customers, fell from 18.1 per cent in 1995 to 17.6 per cent, which is well below the industry average.

First-half turnover jumped from £100 million £256.5 million and the net loss before tax rose from £88.5 million to £125.2 million, reflecting the sudden — but ex-pected — growth in the business. The group is confi-

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by 1998 or 1999. Mr Snook's confidence in

the growth of the mobile phone business remains unber of mobile phone users to rise to seven million by the end of the year, and predicts that dual-mode digital handsets, capable of switching he tween the GSM standard. used by Cellnet and Voda-phone, and the PCN standard. used by Orange and Mercury One-2-One. will be available in the first half of next year. The collapse in Orange's share price since its flotation highlights the problem the market has in valuing hightechnology companies which are incurring huge losses as

their businesses. The analysts constructed complex economic models both for Orange and the big cable companies, which were also some years away from profitability when they came to the market. It now appears that some of these were not up to the task.

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seems that the models failed to take adequate account of market sentiment. A couple of poor results from hig hi-tech companies in the United States left investors questioning a

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Monks give blessing to sale of their pottery firm

A COMMUNITY of Benedictine monks has sold its million a year pottery business for an undisclosed sum. The monks at Prinknash Abbey near Gloucester, who put the business on the market three months ago after "a number of difficult years trading", clinched a deal with Weish Porcelain of Maesteg— a subsidiary of Heredities Ltd of Kirkby Stephen in Cumbria. The pottery employs 27 people and exports to more han 20 countries. The Abbot, Fr Francis Baird, said of the deal yester-

We hope it will be beneficial to our community and our present staff." The 30-strong monastic community sold after realis-ing that major investment was needed to upgrade ma-

chinery and marketing. John May, a director of Welsh Porcelain, forecast that the takeover would lead to extra jobs for local people. He said the operation would continue at the abbey in full co-operation with the monks. Mr May said: "I was very perturbed when I heard a

business with such a fine rep-

utation might go under."

His message to staff was: "I can assure them that their jobs are totally secure." Prinknash Pottery began just over 50 years ago, using Saumptions.
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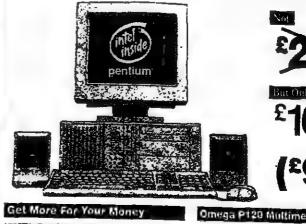


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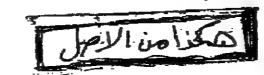
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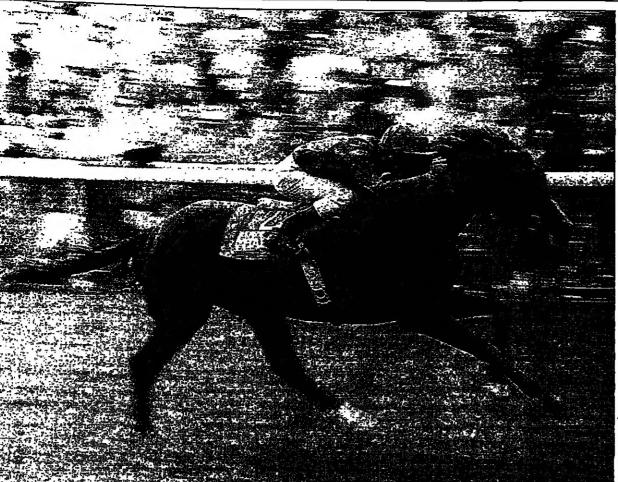
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Halling turfs out rivals with Juddmonte record

double double at York yesterday when following up his victory in the Coral-Eclipse by winning the Judd-monte International for the second successive year.
With five group one winners in the field this was arguably the race of the season and in kicking aside such high class opposition Halling looked the horse of the

It is hard to imagine a tri-umph achieved with more pa-nache. It bore all the elements of a great performance as Halling ran from the front with apparently uninhibited joy and quickened off a fast pace to ensure no rival got closer than genuflecting

Halling, a five-year-old, clearly loves racing and, along with that other old boy Cigar, is a wonderful advertisment for keeping horses in training.
It is sad that he could not do

dirt does not suit him and he has now won his last eight races on turf.

"Although he trains well on sand, when push comes to shove in a race it seems to faze him," said Simon Crisford, manager of the Godolphin racing enterprise. "One thing's certain, we won't be asking him to race on it again."

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The Arc de Triomphe is now a possibility as Frankle Dettori (after one if his fam-ous airborne descents in the winner's enclosure) talked of any trip from a mile to a mile and a half being within this horse's capabilities.

merit, apart from a race re-

"I was basically just a pas-senger today," said Dettori, winning his fourth group race in five days. "I'm blessed to be allowed the thrill of riding a horse like that. He's so good and has got to be one of the pace than Lammtarra." A measure of Halling's

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himself justice when meeting the American wonder horse on the sand in Dubai in the spring, but it appears that dirt does not suit him and he has now won his last eight races on turf.

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Mark Johnston, who trains Bijou d'Inde, had been particularly bullish beforehand and

Dushyantor won the Great Voltigeur Stakes, the tradi-tional St Leger trial, by a hard fought half-length from Mons. but it is not certain he will get

an extra two furlongs.
Runner-up in the Derby. Dushyantor is in the Arc and the Breeders' Cup Turf and Grant Pritchard-Gordon, rac-ing manager to owner Khaled Abdulla, says there will be no hurry in making a decision about Doncaster.

Ayr card

piest handicaps of the season. Improving, lightly-weighted, three-year-olds have a good record and Clerkenwell

ularly bullish beforehand and did not believe any horse could beat his colt so far.

"Halling is special, but I can only explain it to myself by thinking Bijou d'Inde didn't get the trip in a fast run race," said Johnston. "He'll go back to a mile now in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes,"

Dushyantor won the Great is time-year-olds have a good record and Clerkenwell category.

Michael Stoute, his trainer, sent out Yom Jameel to win the Melrose Stakes yesterday and afterwards gave some encouragement for Clerkenwell, who trotted up by six lengths

Overnight rain is forecast. which will suit Snow Prin-cess, while the prolific Desert Frolic must come into the

reckoning. Harbour Dues, the ante-post favourite, has drifted in the betting after pricking a foot yesterday. Lady Herries, the three-year-old's trainer, said: "He is very slightly lame, but all precautions have been taken and we are hoping Mons will definitely be everything will be all right."

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Booth adds to comedy of errors

David Hopps

HE Leeds United manager Howard Wilkin-son greeted the new season by misquoting Shakespeare — something about escaping "the summer of our miscontent" — but winter could prove equally unpalatable if his side continunparatable it his side continued to fluff their lines. After Andy Booth's breakaway goal in injury time had added to Ritchie Humphries' first-half strike for Sheffield Wednesday, it was Wilkinson himself who had the hump

Yeboah out for up to three months. Deane immediately following; the season was only a game old and already Leeds strike force looked undermanned Mark Hateley might have left behind boos at QPR but the Elland Road crowd greeted his arrival on

loan more supportively.

It took only 13 minutes.
however, for Hateley to be upstaged by a striker almost
half his age. Humphries, an 18-year-old local product, put Wednesday ahead in the by finishing smartly from the left of the area after Palmer's challenge on Blinker had forced the ball loose.

Within seconds Leeds should have equalised through Rush, who collected Sharpe's pass eight yards out with time to measure his shot

Leeds did not require a greasy surface to look vulnerable, however, as Pembridge's inswinging corners caused quite enough havoc. Ford Whittingham's free header after five minutes and Stefanlenged less than six yards out when he headed over.

Bowyer briefly provided a release by curling against the bar, but Leeds' shaky defen-sive performance was exemplified by Johson, whose poor back-pass might again have cost a goal had not Radebe come to the rescue. Collins deflected shot, which swerved against the bar early in the second half, added to the home defence's uncertainty. Several younger Leeds

players are said to hold Rush in awe, but for the entire side to seem afraid of going within 30 yards of him seemed to be

taking things too far.
When Bowyer did dare to break down the left and cross. Rush, diving in with Hateley, headed against the bar. Not was the former Liverpool veteran averse to a spot of old-foxing, but his weak appeals for a penalty after collapsing under Stefanovic's challenge

were waved aside. Leeds' wing-back system ing him to fulfil an infield role but its abandonment midway through the second half, with Palmer pushing forward and the substitute Gray also bringing life on the

flanks, gave fresh impetus. Sharpe, threatening for the first time, struck the far post; Leeds, with time running out, were finally roaring but Tinkler's disallowed equaliser a minute from time silenced even that.



Rush job . . . Sheffield Wednesday's Ian Nolan holds off the veteran Leeds striker last night

Uefa Cup qualifying round, second leg Celtic 1, FC Kosice 0 (aggregate 1-0)

Cadete earns stripes with late winner

INUTES after Van Hooijdonk missed a penalty and Prazen-ica, the Kosice de-fender, had been ordered off. Jorge Cadete produced the goal which took Celtic into the first round of the Uefa Cup last night. The Portu-guese striker slipped Wieghorst's pass past Juacka two minutes from the end of an

Celtic's anticipated aggres-sion materialisd in the form of sporadic skirmishes rather than one sustained onslaught. The result, for much of the time, left the home fans wondering if their expectations would be fulfilled.

They had a right to be uncertain after a couple of squandered opportunities, the first from Cadete after only two minutes. McKinlay received the ball from a quick free-kick on the left and delivered it into the penalty area where Cadete's timing in the jump was immaculate. But he glanced the ball wide of Juracka's left-hand post as he tried to be too deliberate with

markers frequently to resort to bolding tactics in the chal-lenge, was even more culpa-ble a little later. McNamara's low centre from the right was touched across the area and the Dutchman, coming in at the far post, contrived to screw his shot wide from only

Thom tried to be thoughtful and constructive but Kosice had done their homework and did not allow the midfielder Still, the German might have given Celtic the lead with a ferocious 35-yard freekick which was deflected by a defender with a head of iron

for a corner. The Slovakians had shown in the first leg that they were capable when in possession

capable when in possession and some of their through-the-middle play alarmed the crowd, even if many of their moves ended with offside.

Nothing was more scary, however, than Marshall's attemped clearance from the dead ball line. The goalkeeper played the ball straight to Rusnik on the right side of Rusnik on the right side of the penalty area and then, 12 yards to the left of his own net, slipped, inviting his op-ponent to slide the ball towards the empty net. Astonishingly, Rusnik tweaked the

ball wide. The replacement of McLaughlin by Di Canto in the second half did little to reduce Celtic's difficulties in overcoming

Yet Van Hootidonk, nor-mally the most reliable of an opportunity he would nor-mally have converted without fuse. This time he appeared to take his eye off the ball as he Van Hooijdonk, whose take his eye off the ball as he height and bulk caused his sliced McKinlay's curling free-kick a yard wide.

If that was a bloomer it was nothing compared to Boyd's when the defender turned the ball straight into the path of the subsitute Obsitnik inside the penalty area. Marshall rescued his defender with a brave block.

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First Division: Bolton Wanderers 1, Manchester City 0

Burnden's sigh of relief Soaring Allison's aim is true

Michael Walker

Burnden Park last night was enough to see off Manchester City, one of the teams that went down with them in May.

ton's summer signings from Denmark, scored the goal in the 49th minute and though there were numerous other scoring chances no one up front on either side had the composure to take them. City's fans were especially disappointed that none of theirs fell to the brilliant

Neutrals were disappointed by the paucity of goals, for both defences looked edgy and in Sellars and Kinkladze the ability to exploit this. Only two minutes had gone when Kinkladze's quick free-kick put in Rosler, but the German striker blasted his particularly scrappy period of

shot at Branagan. That piece of casual brilliance from Kinkladze was almost matched a few moments later

Earlier, though, Blake was unlucky not to earn a penalty when he turned Symons and was bundled over in the area by Frontzeck, but to Bolton's disbelief Mr Allison waved play on.

The game then settled into a remarkably free-flowing rhythm for a local derby Both teams were playing the ball to feet and before the break there were numerous chances. Bolton saw Phillips's deflected shot hit the bar and City came equally close when

Rösler's flying header was cleared off the line by Green Despite these close encoun ters the near sell-out crowd remained subdued until four minutes after the interval. when Bolton scored. A cracking goal it was too, and all the more welcome as it followed a

was not inhappy to see the back of Rioch, said yester-day: "I spoke my mind when Bruce got the sack and some people didn't like it. The coaching staff didn't talk to me for days but I've

talk to me for days but I've always said what I mean and, if people can't take it.

they can kiss my ass." The Everton defender

Matt Jackson's loan move to Queens Park Rangers

has been completed and the right-back will make his

debut on Friday at

Portsmouth.

Frandsen was the scorer, one half of the Danish duo signed from FC Copenhagen OLTON's first win since April saw them by Sellars. His pass was exwith a large slice of the pertly threaded through to money Wanderers received Blake, who squandered the from Celtic for Alan Stubbs. Suddenly it all seemed worthwhile as he twisting away from his Sky Blue challengers and lashed the ball home from 20 yards.

Michael Johansen is the other half of this duo, and while it is too early for Bolton supporters to pass judgment, neither player will have upset anyone with their displays last night. Bolton may have got two star turns for the price of one.

City may now step their pursuit of Arsenal's Scotland Under-21 striker Paul Dickov. for whom they have made £750,000 offer.

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Phillips 70), Kinkladze, Kavelschvill,
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Coca-Cola Cup, first round, first leg: Swindon 2, Wolves 0

Martin Thorpe

HE angry Swindon Town manager Steve McMahon refused to reveal what he said to his players after their 2-0 defeat at Norwich on Saturday. He will hopefully have found kinder words for them after this battling victory over one of the First Division's strongest and most-expensive sides.

long way from Wembley for these two former League Cup winners as the game began in teaming rain that drenched the Wolves fans billetted in the only uncov-ered stand in the ground.

With last night's side costing roughly £6 million, Wolves are a club prepared to put their money where their ambition is. By con-trast Swindon spent just £15,000 in the summer, pre-ferring to rely on the mo-mentum of last season's Second Division title win to carry them on upwards.

over, the ever-dangerous injury which confined him to the bench, he waved besome direction and Thompson nearly catching Talia off his line — Swindon But Swindon were makslowly came back.

Drysdale saw a shot well saved; Allison, in front of goal, just failed to get a touch to Finnney's cross: then Horlock shot wide. Walters, signed on a free from Southampton, had also beaten the Wolves

wing-back Romano for pace before seeing his cross cleared by Atkins. So when the former Liv-erpool winger went down the right three minutes from half-time, Wolves knew danger was afoot. And sure enough Walters beat Froggatt and fired in a first goal since his summer deep cross which found the move from Hearts.

the first goal.

The other highlight of the first half was the crowd's rousing chorus of Happy

But despite some early | Birthday to their newly 35-pressure from the visitors | year-old player-manager — Richards shooting just | McMahon. Despite the back

ing hard work of scoring a second and in fact Woives came closer to equalising on 64 minutes. Bull, the corer of a hat-trick last Saturday, turned and put over a cross from the right. First Roberts's point-blank header was blocked by the keeper Talia, then Froggatt's follow-up header was

cleared by Robinson. As if stung. Swindon went straight to the other end and extended their lead. Walters found himself free in the area and pulled the ball back to Allison, who teed up Leitch for his

Angry Hamilton 'kept in dark' over Ukraine preparations

RYAN HAMILTON, the a 1-1 draw in Belfast in May.

Northern Ireland manager, has criticised the cause West Bromwich's new for keeping him in the dark during the build-up to the World Cup qualifying match mingham man, who was between the sides in Belfast ruled out of last Saturday's

Hamilton is furious that the about a warm-up match Ukraine played against Lithuania in Kiev last week, from which he could have sized up the Windsor Park opposition. Hamilton has only eight minutes on video of Ukraine in action but he hopes that the players in his 18-man squad named yesterday may yet go into the Group Nine match on Saturday week with source who can come up with more extensive coverage of

them in action. Hamilton has recalled Leicester City's Neil Lennon, the France-based striker Phil Gray and Coventry's close-season signing Michael O'Neill to join up with the players who held Germany to

2550,000 striker Paul Peschisolido to miss his club's next four games. The former Biropening-day 2-1 defeat at home to Barnsley by suspen-sion, is banned for two more games after being sent off last season and has been called up by Canada for the World Cup qualifier against Panama on August 30, the night Albion meet Sheffield United.

He may also have to rule himself out of the meeting with Crystal Palace three days earlier, depending on when he has to link up with the national squad. If that is more detailed knowledge of the case he would be unable to make his Albion debut up," he said. "I think I am until the Coca-Cola Cup firstclose to finding another round second leg against Colchester at The Hawthorns on

Chester at The Hawthorns on September 3.

Nonthern Emiland Squab: Ferile Notific Forest, Davison (Botton), Grisfin (Si Johnstone), Worthington (Sciole). Rourisad (West Harr), Hill (Leiceter), Hauster (Reading), Medibbon (Man Ltd), Lemen (Man City), Lemen (Leicester), Magilton (Southampton), McMahon (Tottenhan), O'Nell (Coventy), Gillespie (Neucastie), Haghos, Dowle (both West Ham), Gray (Nancy), O'Beylo (Si Johnstone)

Arsenal and Keegan deny reports that Ginola is set for £4m move

ARSENAL's managing di-day dented that the club day: "I spoke my mind were interested in Newcastle's David Glnola while missed speculation linking the Frenchman and a £4 million move to London. "I don't have to react to all that stuff," said the Newcastle manager. "I'm trying to build a squad."

Wright claimed yesterday that the stand-in manager Stewart Houston would not speak to him after he welcomed the sacking of Bruce

Wright, who told a national newspaper that he on Monday.

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BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (four days: 11.0) Wes-ton-s-Marc: Somerset v Durham.

Describing the series of the s

Sport in brief

Badminton

England have been repri-manded by the international federation for taking a weakened squad to the Thomas and Uber Cups, the men's and women's world team finals, in women's worm team times, in Hong Kong in May, writes Richard Jago. Simon Archer, Julie Bradbury and Joanne Wright were absent because they wanted 10 cle ar weeks preparation for Atlanta. Snooker

Alex Higgins last night declined to play in the sixth qualifying round of the Thai-land Open in Blackpool be-cause the designated referee Laurie Annandale is one of two due to give evidence at the Irishman's postponed d'sciplinary hearing on September 5. writes Clive Everton.

Rugby League Bradford's Robbie Paul is challenging Keiron Cunning-ham of St Helens and Wigan's Jason Robinson for the first Stones Super League Player of the Year award to be made on September 3.

Britain's Julian Hodgson lost from a winning position against Ukraine's world No. 7. Vassily Ivanchuk, in the opening round of the Donner Memorial in Amsterdam, writes Leonard Barden. Hodgson fought back in the second round, defeating the Indonesian champion Útut Adianto.

Motor Sport

Colin McRae, the world rally champion, has been fined £167,000, with £117,000 of it suspended, after running into spectators in a service area during last month's Argentin-



Counties defiant on Acfield Report

Mike Selvey on an anti-England feeling at the TCCB summer meeting at Lord's

HE first-class counties balked at the full Acfield Report yesterday, once again setting back the development TCCB chief executive Alan of the England team by refus-ing to place national above

As well as accepting only a watered-down version of the Acfield blueprint for the future selection, management and coaching of England s, the summer meeting of the full Test and County Cricket Board also rejected a proposal of the board's cricket committee that there should be a total ban on overseas players for the seasons

That ban had been suggested to allow a full assessment of the impact on the do-mestic game of the absence of overseas players. At present there is a moratorium on signing them after the 1998

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At the heart of the Acfleld Report was its proposal on the resting of players from county matches at the behest of the chairman of England

players.
According to the outgoing TCCB chief executive Alan Smith and his successor Tim Lamb, that refusal is not a huge stumbling block and does not negate the principle of setting up the England Management Committee to deal with all matters relating to England teams. But, said Lamb, the Acfield working party members would have been "disappointed that the recommandations were not accepted lock, stock and barrel".

So, although sympathetic in principle, the counties will retain the right to use players against the wishes of the England chairman if they con-sider matches to be sufficiently important. In practice it is a small matter but it is indicative of the counties wish to retain their powers. So, too, is the rejection of

the cricket committee's recommendation to harden atorium into a definite ban. While the committee consid-

to a cavalier approach to the county game, the counties felt that overseas players add a quality to the game still much needed. Again the counties wished to retain the principle that it is they, individually, who should decide.

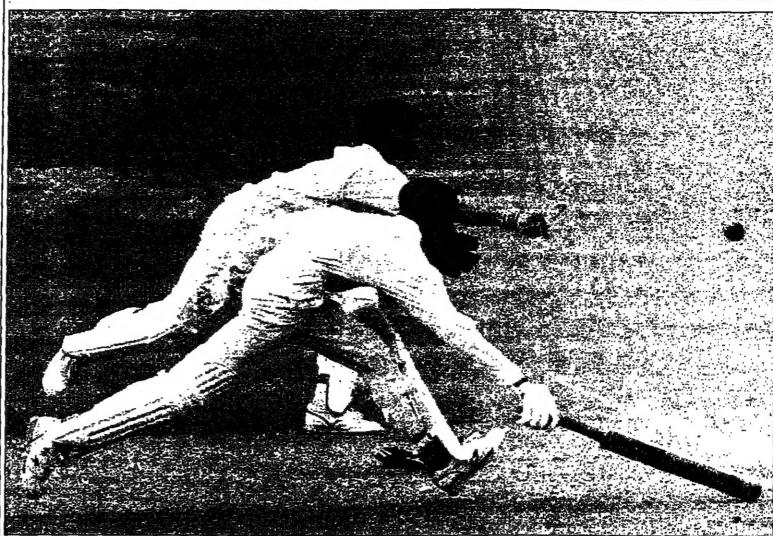
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England Management Com-mittee will definitely come into being, probably in the New Year, though its head will not double up as chair man of selectors as was the case in its previous incarnation as Ted Dexter's England Other decisions taken by

the meeting were more straightforward. Sir Ian Mac-Laurin, who is shortly retiring as chairman and chief ex-ecutive of Tesco, was elected unopposed as TCCB chair-man to replace Dennis Silk, who steps down at the end of September. It was also agreed day in the Test that coincides with the men's final at

Finally it was agreed to bring forward by 12 months, to this winter, the review of the domestic programme. It was felt that in particular this would assist with television and aponsorship negotiations as all would know what the such requests without being croachment of other domestic any resulting changes would prepared to relinquish their seasons into our own has led not apply until 1999.

PITCH INVASIONS AS INDIA BEAT PAKISTAN IN UNDER-15 FINAL



Close call . . . Malik of Pakistan wins by a photo-finish to survive this run-out attempt by the Indian wicketkeeper Chawia

Lombard World Challenge climax marred by unruly scenes and obscene chanting

Lewis must bounce back off firm and bare track

Paul Weaver at The Oval

EST selectors do not really want the world to think they are potty, whatever signals they give to the contrary. Chris Lewis has had them wiping cartons of indifferent on free-range off their faces since got to cut out." his England introduction six years ago but yesterday there was a clear message that the great enigma must discover a rariation: consistency

David Lloyd, the England his febrile enthusiasm for the game by sticking up various ing on the wall could scarcely be clearer for the Surrey allrounder. If he is a victim of his own reputation, he has

Lloyd thought carefully about his words, like someone with a mouthful of herring feeling for bones, and then said: "I haven't had that much to do with Chris but what I've seen, I've liked. 'He was our best bowler

against India. I thought he 1960s who is now coaching at was terrific. Then he got in-Glamorgan. "Tom has helped against India. I thought he

when he came back, I'm not for chopping and changing and stamping but there will come a limit, not just with Lewis but with everyone. Chris has produced some good performances and some indifferent ones which he's

If a fast bowler is left out tomorrow it is still likely to be Lewis but the Surrey man has a better chance of playing than Robert Croft, Glamor-gan's engaging off-spinning all-rounder, who is in line for

his first cap. Lloyd said yesterday: won't turn here." oulckly added: "Bu still a chance we might play both spinners." If England do opt for a solitary twirler, it is likely to be the Sussex leg-

Croft said yesterday: "When David Lloyd phoned me up on Sunday I was very surprised. I had resigned myself to the Glamorgan cause. He paid tribute to Tom Cartwright, the old Warwickshire and England seamer of the

me a lot, particularly with my mental approach to the game.
"But I'm one of those people

who talks to everyone. I talk Jones has given me one or two pointers about my runup. I have also changed my grip recently, which allows me to impart more spin.'

asm he even communicates it to the opposition. He added yesterday: "The pitch is white, rock-hard and dry. It is very firm and bare. I don't think Wagar Younis will be displeased with that surface - and this is his home

up. The scourge of England at Lord's looked almost as lethargic as Lewis at Leeds but his nine wickets against back to his hostile best. Meanwhile the grassy Oval

outfield was the talking point yesterday: it looked so ver-dant that it might have been laid out for an April pipe opener. If it prevents the ball from becoming scuffed and worn before its time, England

Crowd arrests at Lord's

best spirit come to a deplorable end FTER two weeks of of the stumps the two wonderfully vibrant young batsmen Sodhi and cricket the Lombard Vivek Mahajan retreated to World Challenge, the pavilion, and shortly the Under-15 World Cup, ended with unpalatable after play resumed Maha-jan flicked the winning run crowd scenes at Lord's yesto square leg. This was the terday. Arrests were made after India beat Pakistan signal for further maybem, with rival factions clashing by four wickets in the final. in front of the pavilion. There were several pitch The Indian team, celebrating on their balcony, were greeted with obscene the match to end, for it had

invasions as the game headed towards a climax in spectators, the culprits mostly but not exclusively being Pakistan supporters from the Mound Stand who tried to disrupt the game by purloining the stumps. The most startling of these raids, involving several hundred spectators, came after the Indian captain Reetinder Sodhi had steered his side to within half a dozen runs of

Mike Selvey sees a game played in the

been a worthy contest fought in the best spirit with wrist and skill, spin, pace and not a batting hel-met in sight all day. India had upset the applecart before in a World Cup final on this ground and

yesterday they won be-cause in the end they kept their cool after the favourites had failed to post a devictory. | fendable total. In reply to | the team against the kiwis in | Alex played to | With the disappearance | Pakistan's innings of 222 | the NatWest one-day internal | shire Academy side at the endable total. In reply to

for seven, India lost both balcony of the pavilion. openers within the first Pakistan will be disapeight overs and a further pointed, for there is some two batsmen shortly after pedigree in the side. Bazid the tea interval, taken after Khan is the son of the 25 overs of the innings, in mighty Majid: with a

reaching 118.

It was Sodhi, who had steered them through in be a ringer. The captain their semi-final against Faisal Iqual can claim South Africa, who came to Javed Miandad as an uncle, India's rescue again. He so he would not be short of made an unbeaten 82 from 138 balls. Earlier he had taken three for 34 with his seamers, so it was a proper

so he would not be short of And no one who remembers Abdul Qadir's hand-tohand fizz of the ball, fol-

captain's day and it lowed by the stiff-legged doubled his smile as he strut to the crease and

There were a pair of pacy bowlers in the side, too, and a mastery, it seems, of reverse swing; the yorker that ripped out Bhavan Chander's leg stump will not be bettered by Waqar at The Oval this week.

None of their batsmen, though, proved able to sup-port Hassan Raza, the most accomplished of their players. He made 80 before becoming one of Ishan Ganda's three victims, driving a measured off-spinner to extra cover just as the time

Under-19s hope for 'crucial' Morris return

up when they attempt to save the three-Test series against New Zealand in the match at Hove starting tomorrow.

The all-rounder captained

EngLand Under-19s hope tionals but was ruled out of weekend and I'm hopeful he to have Alex Morris of the first two Tests by a will be fit for Hove, as he is cracked knuckle. The tourists crucial," said England's manhave a 1-0 lead in the series after an eight-wicket win at Worcester, leaving England in a make-or-break position at

ager Graham Saville.

England have included the Worcestershire paceman Ben Preece and left out the Northamptonshire opener David Roberts and the Leicester-

Motor Racing

Williams balk at rule changes

Alan Henry

AJOR changes to Formula One that in-Formula One that include holding races over two days instead of three long-term commitment to the world championship were announced by the sport's gov-erning body yesterday.

These new rules are part of a package introduced by Fla Concorde agreement, the pro-tocol governing Formula One. The new agreement will run from 1997 to 2001 but has not yet been agreed by Williams, Tyrrell and McLaren. The last two have declined

to sign the new deal while

Frank Williams is understood to have signed initially but ntly to have drawn his consent.

It seems these three teams have not signed because they are not satisfied with the financial aspects. Fia has de-cided to acrap the prizelitical situation for, although they would not be debarred championship next season they would almost certainly be prevented from having any influence in the rule-making process on the Formula One

issued vesterday, those eight teams who have actually signed the Concorde agre ment are jointly bound to produce at least 20 cars for each world championship. This raises the possibility of teams such as Benetton, Ferrari and Jordan running three cars if they could raise the finance. The teams must agree to

money scale and replace it with a system for dividing up elevision income.

The absence of these teams could cause an awkward pofrom competing in the world According to the statement

The teams must agree to stay in Formula One until 2001, the other major change being the scrapping of Friday practice. There will be an in-

crease in the maximum num-

Athletics

Christie delays sprint finish Drug cheats face

Duncan Mackay on official reservations over the ageing champion's plans to run on

retirement until after pean Cup in Munich has not been greeted with the unqualified joy he might have ex-pected by officials at the Brit-ish Athletic Federation. Malcolm Arnold, the chief coach, has said he has reser-

vations about the former Olympic and world 100m champion still competing in his 37th year. "The young-sters will be set back," said Arnold. "Linford's just a giant presence and they should be set free." Christie said he wanted to

run in the European Cup as a thank-you to Hans Müller-Wolfarht, the Munich-based doctor who has been treating him since 1992. But can he be believed when he says he will spend the winter in Australia on a tough training regime for just two races in June? The temptations of the lu-

INFORD CHRISTIE's crative European grand prix decision to delay his circuit and the world championships in Athens will surely prove too much for a man who has devoted the last 10

years to the sport. "He loves the sport and is finding it hard to let go," said Arnold. Two years ago Christie said he would know when it was time to hang up his spikes. "You see the young fighters coming up, sparring partners start to hurt you, pretty soon someone punches you flat out in the face and you fhink, why am I doing this? I'm not going out like that," he said. But he seems to be falling into the very trap he was so confident of avoiding. He has not won on the grand prix cir-cuit this summer and sprint-ers once in awe of him are

now beating him easily.
"I would like him to go out in a dignified fashion," said Arnold. "We've seen the best of him. Unless he's found the elixir of youth he can't beat | Christie ... falling into tran

the ageing process."

Christie told Arnold during the Olympics that he would be available for the European

Cup but the coach did not believe him. 'I treated the com ment with the seriousness it rved," he said. The sport's marketing agents had been hyping up the match against an Inter

tional Select at Gateshead as Christie's last appearance in a British vest. "It was my last international in Britain," he said. "I will run the European



Cup, then that's it."
The British captain has a fantastic record in the compe tition. He has never been beaten in it and in Madrid earlier this year won the 100m and 200m to take his

number of titles to 11. While he has lost his posi-tion at the pinnacle of world sprinting, he remains head and shoulders above any European. "I could probably run until I was 40 and still win the European Cup,'

Christie said. The heirs apparent to Christie have always with-ered on the vine in his shade. Christie, though, has high hopes for Ian Mackie, who ed second to the Olympic 100m champion Donovan Bailey at Gateshead, and plans to take him to Austra ian to train.

But, if no European emerges to challenge Christie next year, his thoughts will surely turn to the 1998 European championships in Buda-pest and a record fourth 100m title. At this rate Frank Sinatra will have nothing on Christle.

direct IAAF bans

letic Federation. The cases of two banned

athletes cleared domestically to compete in the Atlanta Olympics have prompted the IAAF to consider stripping national federations of their powers to punish drug cheats. The Australian sprinter Dean Capobianco and the

Italian high jumper Anton-ella Bevilacqua had failed drugs tests before the Games but were cleared on appeal to their respective national bodies, as allowed under current IAAF rules However Istvan Gyulai, the IAAF's general secretary, said yesterday that the sport's world ruling body would now consider amending its rules to cen-

tralise the process.
"When we faced the Capoblanco case in Atlanta stimulant ephedrine.

THLETES found | we came to the conclusion anilty of drug abuse in future may be suspended directly by the International Amateur Athmonth. ships. "If necessary this will mean the IAAF assuming the right to suspend athletes."

The LAAF declined to bar Capobianco and Bevilacqua from the Olympics because they feared possible court action. Instead the cases were referred to the international Olympic Committee's Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Gyalai described the IAAF's case as watertight against Capobianco, who faces a four-year ban after testing positive for the steroid stanozolol. But Gyulai added the IAAF would abide by the CAS decision, which is expected in Monte Carlo next month.

Bevilacqua faces a threemonth suspension for twice

Rugby League

Salford angry at receiving nothing for their title deeds

Paul Fitzpatrick

SALFORD REDS are angry that they will receive no prize-money for winning the First Division championship, a situation described as totally unfair" by their

chairman John Wilkinson. The Lancashire club had expected a similar amount to the £30,000 they earned for winning the Centenary First Division championship. The Super League has only just announced its prize-money and, along with the winners of the Second Division, Salof the Second Division, Sel-would have been taken. We of signing league pl ford will get nothing while did not rock the boat publicly short-term contracts.

the Super League champions collect 260,000. "Our budgets were based on at least £30,000 again being

the prize-money, with the Centenary championship being effectively a meaning-less championship." Wilkinson said. "We promised our players a

combined £15,000 incentive for winning the [First Division] championship, which they have done in style, but this is a totally unjust and outrageous decision. "Perhaps if we had com-plained like St Helens action

an original Super League place but we cannot stay silent on this issue." Salford are also annoyed at being told there is no new tro-

phy available for the First Division title. "We were told we could keep the old trophy after winning the Centenary championship. But now the League has decided there will not be a new cup. It is sham-holic and totally amateurish,"

said Wilkinson. The League's chief executive Maurice Lindsay has warned union clubs about the dangers of signing league players on

ence with overseas players during the Eighties Lindsay sald: "The trouble was that those players flew in, picked up good money and then de-parted at a crucial time, leav-ing behind a great deal of discontent among the British players, who had to slog out the rest of the season. I think rugby union is heading down

the same lesson." Brian Snape, who was chairman of Salford from 1963 to 1977 and of the Rugby League from 1974 to 1976, has died at his home in the Isle of Man, aged 82.

Paralympics

Dehydrated Payton spends night in clinic after second gold

Richard Redden in Atlanta

BRITAIN are now lying in fourth position in the medal table but remain hopeful of at least equal-ling the third achieved at the 1992 Barcelona Games. The British Paralympic Association president Adrian Whiteson said: "The squad is gelling together well and we are

very confident." The 1992 tally was 40 gold, 47 silver and 41 e, and most of the Atianta finals have still to be

have taken 11 gold, 13 sil- | ver and 11 bronz A second track gold for Livingston's Stephen Payton, who had won the 400 metres in world-record time, came in bizarre circumstances. Having won the 100m T37 final in 11.90sec, he was taken for a

drug test at 7.30pm.
The 19-year-old, who has cerebral palsy, went to the Poly Clinic and, although he was allowed to sleep, did not emerge until he had produced a sample - at

seven o'clock the following morning. Due to the humidity ath-

letes have to take huge amounts of water on board —a litre an hour — diluting the urine and producing samples that are too weak. Tanni Grey won the 800m T52 final, her first gold of the Games, in a world record 1min 55.12sec, better-ing her Barcelona time by

east disabled category of the four wheelchair events. It was Britain's thirdworld record of the Games

of 29.76s. A silver also went to Leamington's Bob Matthews in the BI (blind) 1500 metres with a time of 4min 12.07sec.

The British men's basketball team, the European champions, went down to 2.63sec. The American Leann Shannon, who best Grey in the 100m final, was second. T52 is the second-wiped out by two defeats, wiped out by two defeats. their chances of landing the silver behind the United States now look bleak. The women slipped to their and Grey followed it by pro-third defeat, 31-46 against ducing a fourth in the heats Japan.

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SportsGuardian

TCCB HANDS OUT RECORD PUNISHMENT TO SUSSEX PLAYER

Giddins banned until 1998 score with

England A bowler found guilty of taking cocaine

Mike Selvev

D GIDDINS, the Sussex and England A pace bowler, has been suspended from first-class cricket until April 1, 1998, for taking cocaine. The Test and County Cricket Board has also terminated his registration.

Giddins, who has 14 days to appeal, tested positive for the drug after a random test was carried out during Sussex's championship match against Kent at Tunbridge Wells in late May. A second test also proved to be positive.

The penalty was imposed by the discipline committee of the TCCB under the chairmanship of Gerard Elias QC. A board statement said it had found three charges proven: of having a prohibited substance in a urine sample; of knowingly using a prohibited substance; and, by virtue of so doing, of bringing the game into disrepute.

The board's message was unequivocal — that "cricket, its players and administrators, would not tolerate in its ranks those who indulge in the use of a prohibited drug. The committee was sure the public would rightly demand nothing less".

The committee took into account the fact that cocaine is regarded by law as a Class A drug, the most serious grouping; and, although it found no evidence that Giddins's use of the drug was anything other than a one-off, it rejected his claim that the taking of it had vertent.

Giddins, represented by the Cricketers' Association lawyer Lawrie Duffman and the Sussex secretary Nigel Bett, attended a disciplinary hearing on Monday and was back at Lord's for 20 minutes to hear the verdict vesterday.

"I think he was speechless I don't think there was a reac tion," said Bett. Shortly afterwards Giddins left the board's offices through a side door to be driven away by a girl-friend. "I've absolutely noth-ing to say," he said. "I wish I

It certainly puts on hold, and could have terminated, a

esteem to have toured Paki-stan with England A last winter and, according to Bett, is a

"quality player".

Whether he can play clubor grade-cricket in the future remains something of a grey area; other national cricket boards will be advised of the decision and the TCCB would hope for support from them. Bett's opinion is that the Sussex committee would support the ban although Giddins's future with the county has yet to be discussed

"It's been in the back-ground all the time. We will miss Ed but it will relieve pressures on a lot of people in the side. It was bound to have had an effect. He has probably just been a misguided lad but I think it is a fair verdict."

Drugs have yet to prove problem in cricket and Giddins is only the second profes-sional in England to be found guilty of an offence. In 1986 Ian Botham was suspended for two months following newspaper admissions that he had smoked cannabis.

More recently Richard then with Worcestershire. tested positive for a banned stimulant but the charge was dropped after his explanation, supported by affidavit, that a drink had been spiked was

accepted.
Giddins's defence is believed to have been along similar lines, suggesting that after drinking a substantial quantity of beer he picked up the wrong glass. However, taking cocaine in liquid form usual, not to say less effective, method of using an expensive

In sentencing Giddins the committee resisted the temp tation towards leniency for a first-time offender whose use of the drug was not geared to gaining an unfair advantage on the pitch while recognis-ing the need to punish someone who had compromised his position as a role model for children.

The suggestion that Gid-dins be given counselling was ruled out by the committee although it may be considered for future offenders. The promising career. The 25- Olympic guidelines for co-



Happier times . . . Ed Giddins on his way to three for 52 for England A against The Rest in April

caine abuse involve two- to four-year suspensions and this 20-month sentence is more in step with that. gest that cricket, by virtue of its long-winded nature, is not a sport in which players can gain an advantage from the use of banned substances, but

that is nonsense. Cocaine is the most reinforcing of all psycho-active drugs", accord-ing to the Martindale Pharmacopoeia, and it helps the user to stay awake while stimulating the heartbeat.

Cocaine taken the night before a game, as Giddins suggested happened, would actually lead to fatigue the following day. But it is precisely because cricket is a lengthy affair, requiring concentration, that a drug such as cocaine could be taken to advantage during breaks.

The ponderous manner in which the whole investigation has been conducted has also brought into focus the need for a swifter disciplinary procedure. Certainly 21/2 months is too long for this to

have been hanging around. The Board will now almost certainly be considering whether a player who tests positive should be allowed to continue playing while the case is pending.

Soccer has already taken a lead from athletics in that regard. Last year, in what was regarded as a responsible action, Leyton Orient suspended Roger Stanislaus as soon as they received confir-mation of him testing positive for cocaine use. He was subsequently hanned for a year by playing in the interim.

the RA and sacked by the club. Next season the FA will have the power to suspend the verdict against Giddins is admirably stringent, cricket is still sending out the wrong

Giddins has taken 33 wickets since the offence, including six for 47 and match figures of eight for 123 against Yorkshire earlier this month. His case should have been brought to book quicker and

Lovely boys the French



Vincent Hanna

the doorbell kime Maraud, from the pharmacy, fixed me with a wintry smile. "We must discuss our strategy, your wife says it will help you," she said. Nervously I agreed and set her down in the garden.

"Does anyone know," I whispered round the kitchen door, "what she's on about?" The sniggering told me all. I had again been entered for the mixed-doubles tennis tournament, and with the ferocious

Céline Maraud. We had to play the Rochets who have won in the last two vears, mostly because Alphonse is a local hero and no one wants to beat him. A lean sinewy man in his sixties, he has the sort of eyes you can see squinting into the desert sun. Besides he has a tin leg. "Given for La France," people

Mme Maraud had no sympathy: "No fancy stuff, just let me play the shots, you stand at the net." The match was a fi-asco. Alphonse and I chatted while our partners exchanged crisp forehands. "'Ave you'see the goal of Beckham?" he asked during a long rally. "I

see it many times." The ball popped in my direc-tion: "Hit him with it," hissed Mme Maraud. I volleyed it at the umpire. There was much

applause. "Look Cèline," I said at the myself to assault a patriot of France who watches Match of the Day." "Stupid fool," she said. We lost 6-2.

In truth I no longer cared. Alphonse, his brother-in-law from Tours and my neighbours just in from Nantes sat the oak tree and marvelled at the change in local perceptions. It is a time of renaissance for French football. Their greatest club Mar-seille was stripped of the European Cup in 1993, then relegated, because of financial

scandals. This month they are back and humming and, at a time when the national side is on the up. French players are in the news and preparations (under the great Michel Pla-tini) are in hand for the World

Cup in 1998. Maybe it was because the French League did not play on

Saturday. Perhaps they are waiting for Serie A and the Bundesliga to get going. But for the moment the French are preoccupied with celebrating English football.

On Saturday L Equipe, which sets standards for most European sports papers, had a full page on Cantona, Le Mai-tre du Jeu. On Monday there he was again in full colour on the front page and on the cover of four national magazines. On Sunday nights my neighbours are glued to the cable station Canal + which features all the goals from the

Premiership.
And just listen to this:
English football has had its disappointments, too long eclipsed by the proud and pov erful Italians, but its prodi-gious vitality, its unfailing generosity, its profound au thenticity continue to touch the French public, drawn to those who never cheat in

sport. This, believe it or not, is yes terday's editorial in France Football, the leading soccer magazine, which was devoted to stories on the lives of their emigres in the Premiership.
The writing resounds with a
breathless enthusiasm that
seems almost English.
So Frank Leboeuf, of Chel-

ea, says: "I love the chants. I feel the hairs on my neck stand up when I come on the pitch. I didn't think Ruud Gullit even knew my name. He was a man from another planet. Now in training he taps me on the shoulder and calls me lovely boy'. Every time it wins my heart."

HERE are lots of postcards home from the other boys. Here is Pat-rick Vieira: "They said that Highbury is fabulous, fantastic. They were right. Highbury is truly a way of

references to food. "Is it compulsory, in English football, to eat Indian food?" asked Alphonse. "Only at Arsenal." I explained. And all this even before Arsène Wenger has

Hovering over all is Canona, who never dominated the game in his native land but in whom, in exile, every Frenchman takes much pride: or as they say it: "Cantona toujours et encore Cantona, à

la folie." Anyway, after several bottles of Touraine Mesland we paced out 52 metres in the back garden and hit shots, à la Beckham, for half an hour. Even Alphonse. None of them came close.
"Silly old show-off," said

Mme Maraud. "You know he lost his leg when he fell into a hay-baler."

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Dealing with the positives

A fairly clean bill of health for cricket

BEFORE 1988 every sport could police itself and, not surprisingly, very few cases emerged of sportsmen failing drug tests. Even scarcer was the public disclosure of such offenders' names, and there was a good deal of whispering before the Sports Council stepped in and organised a proper programme of independent drug testing.

Since then cricket has been one of the more drug-free sports. There have been only five positive tests in eight -one for amphetamines, another (the last pre-vious case in 1992-93) for a narcotic substance. No action was taken in either case. The other cases were before 1990.

The sports with the worst record in this respect have been powerlifting and weight-lifting, with a combined 168 failures from an all-sport total of 1,198 since 1988.

IAAF's positive action, p15

A SLOW starter but increasingly vigilant because of the money now in the game. Where possible the Football Association takes a lenient, habilitation view of a first of-bricks approach after th enhancing evidence, mainly social usage; year's failures were for cannabis. Roger us's cocaine bun was intended as a warning to the

Only recently has the problem been brought under control Only recently has the problem been brought under control. In the early '80s drug-taking was rife in Britain and worldwide. Punishment is harsh (long bans) depending on excuses offered and type of drug, but is now complicated by legal cases exploiting any basing loophole.

a RUGBY LEAGUE HAS reputedly had the bi utedly had the biggest problem of the team sports, illy with anabolics though its highest failure rate a among stimulants. Has tightened up considerably in the past five years from a time when drugs were a barely disguised commonplace. Punishments no a two-year han last year for sterold abuse. Thirty-five failures since 1988; seven last year.

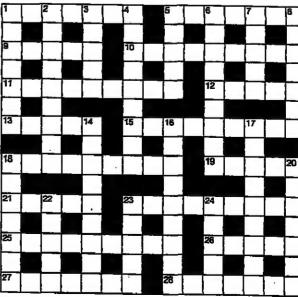
RUGBY UNION NEVER considered to have the same scale of problem a the professional code, but since 1988 the game has stepped up its testing programme in accordance with Sports Council drives. That is reflected in the drop in their

Eleven failures since 1988; only two last year, both to mts (pseudoephedrine), one attracting a warning only, the other a four-Saturday ban.

But here's something closer to the knuckle: shopping trolley film-making. Its newest exponent is Nottingham-based Shane Meadows, whose hour-long film Smalltime is proving to be one of the big hits of the Edinburgh Festival — on a budget of £5,000.

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- 5 Rainproof pudding to ley on?
- 9 Primate builds the wall in Paris (5)
- 10 Mail to fight with? (6-3) 11 Quote regulations ordering something bizarre (9)
- 12 Monarch who must go straight? (5) 13 What sounds and what

melfs one goes in for! (5)

- 15 Sailor's inclination to pursue gold like a sponge (9) 18 Make a melodrama out of a temperance commercial featuring a nymph and a зпаке (9)
- 19 One should go shares with one's wife (5) 21 Broadcaster who might be 3 (5) 23 Wasting away? Test can be arranged (9)
- 25 Information in painting in a silver land (9)
- 26 Indication of satisfaction at honour for wizardry (5) 27 Listener at home isn't joking
- 28 16 in the theatre (7) Down
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- 7 Translation of Blume for flower (5)

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